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**2000
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HISTORY OF MIDDLETON POND

(Cover Story)

The earliest known name for this beautiful area was Will's Hill, named for a Native American who chose it as his home. During certain times, the local tribes would use the then connecting waterways and portage to travel to nearby beaches where they picnicked on clams and mussels. They grew their crops on the hill and had access to as much water as needed.

A map dated 1886 shows it as Wilkens Pond. Our first European settler was Bray Wilkins who lived on the far side, now Lake Street, with his six sons and brother-in-law John Gingell. These strong fellows supported themselves in part by chopping down trees and sawing them into housing material, barrel staves, etc.

At some point, the name was changed to Middleton Pond, possibly around the time of 1875 when the Town of Danvers expressed an interest in drawing water off to supply Danvers residents. In return, Middleton secured three centers in town where hydrant water would be accessible: the cemetery, the center of town and near Howe's Station. From these simple beginnings, our water system emerged.

The Pond has been a great source of recreation and some industry over the centuries. During the early 1900's several families set up icehouses to cut and supply ice to the townspeople. The Curriers of Forest Street and the Richardson's had successful icehouses before the advent of refrigeration. During the 1920's, a lively dance pavilion was located on the Boston Street side of the pond. It was a romantic setting for dancing, music and boat rentals. Local stories have it that when the pavilion era ended the building was cut into two sections and the two parts sold on the turn of a coin.

There were also a few summer camps around the pond as evidenced by the foundations of old fireplaces. And of course, people used to swim in the pond. The area near the present pumping station was supplied with sand for a beach. However, because people using the beach in the summer and ice skaters in the winter were not as careful as they should have been permission to swim, skate and boat was withdrawn. This was due in part to concerns that arose regarding several deaths attributed to weak ice. In the cemetery next to Memorial Hall is gravestone for Joseph Long who died on just such weak ice.

Another untimely death occurred probably in the 1940's. A popular local young man named Roy Osborne tried to land on the frozen pond but the ice was too weak to support the weight of his airplane. He suffered broken limbs and could not get out of the plane on his own. All attempts to save him failed because rescuers could not get over or through the ice fast enough. He and his plane submerged in sight on many horrified onlookers.

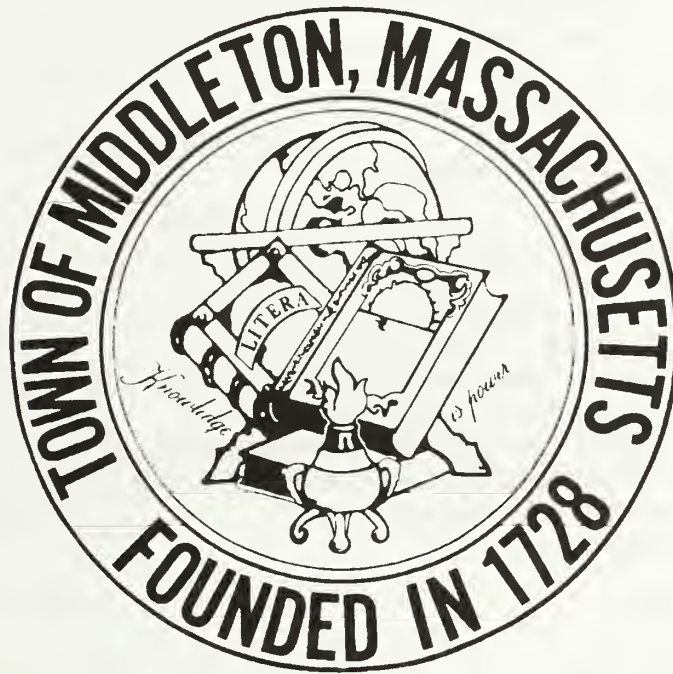
Today Middleton Pond is a lovely area to walk near and enjoy the beauty of such a pristine body of water with its surrounding woods. It is definitely a well-prized jewel of our community with a long and interesting history.

Note: The beautiful cover and the corresponding information are due to the talents of several Middleton residents. The photograph is courtesy of Chris Anderson, renowned local photographer. The original oil painting that is the subject of the cover hangs in the 2nd floor of Memorial Hall. It was painted for and gifted to the Town of Middleton by Ruth Vantine, our well-know local artist. The historical information was provided by Rita Kelley, an active member of the historical community in Middleton. Thank you all for your contributions.

We would also like to thank the members of the municipal departments and committees who contributed their reports.

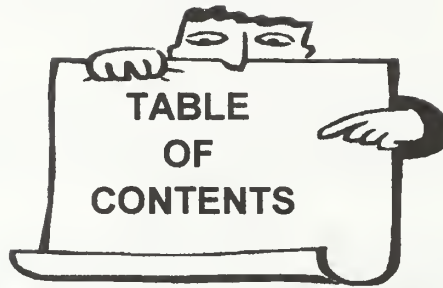
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Two Hundred and Seventy-Second
Municipal Year



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Waren Evans' Nostalgic Sleigh Rides



Warren Evans shown in his cowboy costume, in character with his hay and sleigh ride activities.

DEDICATION

Warren Evans

Equal measures of industriousness, persistence, and generosity define the life of Warren Evans. Warren began working at the then Boston Blacking Co., now Bostik in 1957. But it is his after hours avocation of working a wagon and team of horses that has brought so much pleasure to him and to this community. Many adults remember the hours they spent as children on summer hay rides and winter sleigh rides singing the songs of Gene Autry and others. On occasion, they were joined on Warren's wagon by notables such as Arthur Fiedler, long time conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Johnny Buczyk of the Boston Bruins.

In 1960, Warren called upon every home in Middleton driving a wagon pulled by two workhorses, to collect money for the Jimmy Fund. When he had collected \$335, the plant manager told him to take the next day off and take the money into Red Sox great Ted Williams, who was national chairman of the Jimmy Fund. Warren was Ted William's guest at the last game of his illustrious career.

To this day, Warren's knowledge of the eastern part of Middleton is encyclopedic and his knowledge is matched only by his love and concern for the land. Like the magnificent Curtis Oak Tree whose caretaker he has been for so many years, Warren symbolizes the best old-fashioned virtues of the community of Middleton. To paraphrase the words of his favorite songster, Gene Autry, his fellow citizens wish that Warren's "trails always be happy ones".

2000 SCHEDULE MIDDLETON MEETINGS

OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE LISTING

OFFICE	DAY(S)	TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE
Accountant	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 4966
Town Administrator	Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 3617
Animal Control Officer	Varies		26 Locust Street	978 - 777 - 0825
Annual Town Meeting	2nd Tuesday in May		North Shore Tech. H.S.	978 - 762 - 0001
Annual Town Election	Monday after Town Meeting		Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	
Board of Appeals Meeting	4th Thursday	7:30 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 8917
Board of Appeals Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 8917
Board of Assessors Meeting	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 2099
Board of Assessors Office	Monday, Wednesday - Friday Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm 8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 2099
Board of Health Meeting	1st Wednesday	8:00 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 1869
Board of Health Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 1869
Conservation Commission Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:30 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 1869
Conservation Commission Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 1869
Council on Aging Meeting	1st Wednesday	9:30 am	(Old) Town Hall / 38 Maple St.	978 - 777 - 4067
COA Senior Center	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	(Old) Town Hall / 38 Maple St.	978 - 777 - 4067
Department of Public Works	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 0407
Electric Light Dept. Meeting	2nd Thursday	7:30 pm	197 North Main Street	978 - 774 - 4313
Electric Light Dept. Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	197 North Main Street	978 - 774 - 4313
EMERGENCY	Always	24 hours	POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE	911
Finance Committee Meeting	Variable		Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	
FIRE Department	Always	24 hours	Non-Emergency / 4 Lake St.	978 - 774 - 2466

OFFICE	DAY(S)	TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE
Fuller Meadow School	Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 3:30 pm	143 So. Main Street	978 - 750 - 4756
Board of Health	1st Wednesday	8:00 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 1869
Health Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 1869
Housing Authority Meeting	2nd Thursday	7:30 pm	Orchard Circle	978 - 774 - 4333
Howe-Manning School	Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	26 Central Street	978 - 774 - 3519
Inspections Offices	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 2850
Library Trustees	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Flint Public Library	978 - 774 - 8132
Planning Board	2nd and 4th Wednesday	7:30 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 777 - 2850
Planning Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	195 North Main Street	978 - 777 - 2850
POLICE Department	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	65 North Main Street	978 - 774 - 4424
Recreation Commission Mtg	2nd Wednesday	7:00 pm	(Old) Town Hall / 38 Maple St.	978 - 750 - 6821
Masconomet Regional School Committee Meeting	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:30 pm	Masconomet Administration Building	978 - 887 - 2323
Middleton Public Schools Committee Meeting	2nd Thurs & Variable	7:30 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 750 - 1955
Board of Selectmen Meeting	Every Tuesday or as Posted (July, August every other Tuesday)	7:30 pm	Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 3344
Selectmen's Office	Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 3344
Transfer Station	Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday,	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Natsue Way	
Town Clerk's Office	Monday - Thursday Friday Every Tuesday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 6927
Tri-Town School Union	Variable		Fuller Meadow School / 143 So. Main St.	978 - 750 - 1955
Tax Collector, Treasurer	Monday - Friday Every Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Memorial Hall / 48 So. Main St.	978 - 774 - 8327 978 - 774 - 1867

1999 - 2000 SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES

STATE

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

*FIRST ESSEX and
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT*
Senator Bruce E. Tarr
State House
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Boston, MA. 02133
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COUNCILLOR

FIFTH DISTRICT
Councillor Patricia A. Dowling
State House
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

*TWENTY SECOND
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT*
Representative Brian M. Cresta
State House
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27 Water Street
Wakefield, MA. 01880
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GOVERNOR

The Honorable Argeo Paul Cellucci
State House
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Tel: (617) 727-3600

FEDERAL

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

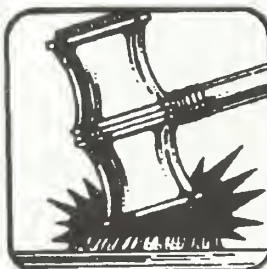
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TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED - 2000

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Ira S. Singer 2003

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT
CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS**
Robert F. Murphy 2002

TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Charles W. Newhall 2002

TOWN COUNSEL
Segal, Edelstein, Bussone & Fallon 2002

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR
Bradford W. Swanson 2001

**CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOREST WARDEN
ASS'T EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR.**
David T. Leary, Sr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
George W. Nash 2001

CHIEF OF POLICE
Paul Armitage

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Bernard F. Creeden, Ed.D.

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
FENCE VIEWER**
Robert M. Aldenberg 2003

ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR
William F. Cashman 2001

**HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATOR
HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**
Leo J. Cormier 2003

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
William A. Smith 2001

INSPECTOR OF WIRES
Alfred Jones 2001

**DOG OFFICER
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**
Elizabeth L. Heckman 2001

TOWN LIBRARIAN
Adele Carter

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT
PEST CONTROL**
Robert Hoffman 2002

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS
Florence M. Leary 2001

VETERANS' AGENT
Theodore H. Butler 2001

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY**
Kathleen A. Thurston 2002

**DIRECTOR OF THE
COUNCIL ON AGING**
Susan J. Gannon-Moore

**MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT
DEPARTMENT MANAGER**
Mark Kelley

**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**
Roger E. Drysdale 2001

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**
Richard W. Kassiotis

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IPSWICH
RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD**

William Mugford 2001

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOXFORD
STATE FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Matthew W. Pride

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAROLD
PARKER STATE FOREST
ADVISORY BOARD**

Warren A. Haas, Jr.

BOARD OF HEALTH

John LeBlanc 2001
Mary Jane Morrin 2002
Robert A. Ambrefe 2002
Paul LeBlanc 2003
Vacancy 2003



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Steven A. Cocciardi 2001
Robert Twombly 2001
Robert Porteous 2001
John Erickson 2002
Jill Mann 2002
Gordon S. Borek 2002
Antonio Pascuccio 2003



BOARD OF APPEALS

Ann Tragert Cote (alt.) 2001
Stephen R. Brickett (alt.) 2001
Roger E. Drysdale 2001
Jack Leitner 2002
Lynn Murphy 2003
Stuart H. Lord, Jr. 2004
Jeffrey D. Schreiber 2005



REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Nancy L. Karolides 2001
James V. Hannon, Jr. 2003
Mary C. Hocter 2003
Sarah B. George (Ex Officio)



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sally McDonald 2001
Gertrude M. Dearborn 2001
Leonard W. Kupreance 2002
Glenn A. Bambury 2002
Dennis Milotzky 2003



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR**

W. Pike Messenger 2001

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Frances Novakowski 2001
Natalie Semenza 2001
Kathleen Miksis 2001
Patricia Diskes 2001
Michelle Shamon 2001
Norma Panunzio 2001
Ann Penn 2002
Christine Picillo 2002
Lorraine R. Tonello 2002
Elizabeth Wetmore 2002



COUNCIL ON AGING

Rose Toomey (alt.) 2001
Marion C. Watson 2001
Ethel E. Lee 2001
Mary C. Hocter 2002
Gertrude Dearborn 2002
Josephine R. Leary 2002
Peggy Sinnich 2002
Olga Martinuk 2003
Kathryn N. Martinuk 2003
Dorothy A. Ferreira 2003
Dorothea Faulkner 2003
Mary Hamilton 2004



RECREATION COMMISSION

Richard Cardinale (alt.) 2001
Steven Jesi 2001
Janet Thwing 2002
Gary L'Abbe 2002
Michele Nowak 2003
Stephanie Leary 2003
Louis Fedullo 2005



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

John Goodwin	2001
Mary T. Tragert	2001
Robert W. Fox	2002
William Mugford	2002
Scott Saulnier	2003



SOLID WASTE STUDY and TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Leo J. Cormier	2001
Robert Hoffman	2001
Nancy M. Jones	2001
Mary Jane Morrin	2001
Robert E. Kelley	2001
Ira S. Singer	2001
Charles Newhall	2001



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Linda M. Levesque	2001
Mary C. Hocter	2001
Shirley A. Murphy	2001
Donna J. Butler	2001
Alice Tierney	2002



MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Donna Innis	
Theodore Butler	
James Karolides	2001
Scott Saulnier	2001



HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathleen A. Thurston	(Ex Officio)
Ira S. Singer	(Ex Officio)
Faith Anderson Stone	2001
Ronald S. Twing	2001
Linda M. Levesque	2002
Elizabeth Schultz	2002
Leo Cormier	2002



BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

Stephen Brickett	2001
Nancy M. Jones	2001
Robert D. Twombly	2001
Henry Tragert	2001
Robert Forney	2001
Theodore Novakowski	2001



JAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Lisa Curran, Neighborhood Rep.	2001
Linda Levesque, Citizen-At-Large	2001
Henry P. Beuparlant, Neighborhood Rep	2001
Joseph Pascucci, Selectmen's Rep	2001
Finance Committee Rep	2001
Paul Armitage, Police Chief	2001
David T. Leary, Sr., Fire Chief	2001
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator	2001
John A. Goodwin, Citizen-At-Large	2001



WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE



David T. Leary, Sr., Fire Chief
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Nancy M. Jones, Selectmen's Rep.
Planning Board Representative
Robert Hoffman, Supt. of DPW
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent



CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louis J. Fedullo	2001
Ira S. Singer	2001
Robert D. Twombly	2001
James M. Fortunato	2001
Alfonso Longo	2001
Gimmie Sue Valacer	2001



DANVERS STATE HOSPITAL REUSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Richard Kassiotis – Selectmen's Rep.
George E. Dow, Sr. – Planning Board Rep.



LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Vacancy

MASCONOMET SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Richard Kassiotis



SIDEWALK & TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Robert Hoffman	2002
Kenneth Gibbons	2002
Ira S. Singer	2002
Paul F. Armitage	2002
David T. Leary, Sr.	2002
Susan J. Gannon-Moore	2002
Joseph Pascucci	2002
Robert D. Twombly	2002
Francis Masse	2002



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUTURE SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE

Dr. Malveena Baxter	(Ex Officio)
Dr. Bernard Creedon	(Ex Officio)
Michelle Fitzpatrick	(Ex Officio)
John Erickson	
Barbara Jesi	
Kosta Prentakis	
Vincent Serino	
Robert Twombly	
Richard White	



MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Francis Masse	2001
Robert Murphy	2001
Steven Weitzler	2002
Carl Toumayan	2002
Scott Saulnier	2002
Mary Jane Morrin	2003
John Erickson	2003
Paul Richardson	2003
Kosta Prentakis	2005



FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

Trudy Dearborn	2002
Mary Ann Erickson	2002
Lois Gianni	2002
Irene Kastinakis	2002
Christine Lindberg	2002
Mary Jane Morrin	2002
Brandon Toropov	2002
Mary Tragert Toropov	2002
Linda Wilkes	2002



(OLD) TOWN HALL FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

Robert Aldenberg	2001
Dorothea Faulkner	2001
Susan Gannon-Moore	2001
Nancy Jones	2001
Gary L'Abbe	2001
Ethel Lee	2001
Mary Jane Morrin	2001
Robert Porteous	2001
Ira Singer	2001
Robert Twombly	2001



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

Paul F. Armitage	2002
Louis Fedullo	2002
Nancy M. Jones	2002
David T. Leary, Sr.	2002
Jack Leitner	2002
George W. Nash	2002
Antonio Pascuccio	2002
Kosta Prentakis	2002
Frank Twiss	2002
Brent Wilkes	2002



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

Francis Fitzgerald	2002
Susan Gannon-Moore	2002
Mary Jane Morrin	2002
Charles W. Newhall	2002
Kosta Prentakis	2002



TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED - 2000

MODERATOR

Henry A. Tragert 2001

TOWN CLERK

Sarah B. George 2002

SELECTMEN

Mary Jane Morrin 2001
Joseph E. Pascucci 2001
Richard W. Kassiotis 2002
Nancy M. Jones 2003
William R. Mugford 2003

CONSTABLE

Robert M. Aldenberg 2001

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Patricia A. Ohlson 2001
Kosta E. Prentakis 2002
Deborah J. Carbone 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joel F. Shamon 2001
Carol Bailey * 2001
Vincent Serino * 2001
Richard J. White, Jr. 2002
Gimmie Sue Valacer 2000

* Appointed to fill a vacancy

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Susan M. Richardson 2001
David Bean * 2001
Diane Haas * 2001
Betsy McGinnity 2001

PLANNING BOARD

George E. Dow, Sr. 2001
Beverly A. Popielski 2002
Steven M. Weitzler 2003
Harry Mathews 2004
David T. Leary, Sr. 2005

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION

Charles S. Clinch III 2001
Alfred J. Jones 2002
A. David Lenzie 2002
Richard W. Kassiotis 2003
Frank Twiss 2003

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Theodore L. Novakowski 2001
Leonard A. Stone 2002
Mary Ann Erickson 2002
Lois Lane Gianni 2003
Brenda J. Kirwan 2003

HOUSING AUTHORITY

James Hannon (state apptd.) 2000
Mary Jane Morrin 2001
Linda M. Levesque 2002
Charles M. Collier 2004
Faith Anderson Stone 2005

BOARD OF SELECTMEN And TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 2000 Annual Report

I am pleased to submit my nineteenth annual report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. This report will provide a brief summary of the important town government activities and events during the fiscal year from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Details of the department and committee functions are contained in the reports that follow.

New housing starts by the end of this fiscal year, (June 30, 2000), were for the second straight year just under fifty. A small growth spurt is underway from a number of subdivisions filed before the Growth Control Bylaw adopted in May 2000 became effective. With a healthy building market, existing lots are quickly sold and developed. Through the first six months of Fiscal 2001 from July 1, 2000 to December 31st, new housing starts totaled twenty. The Growth Bylaw's impact will provide some relief to the brisk pace of single family housing development if the softening economy does not cause a slowdown by itself.

The beginning of a cyclical slowdown in the housing market regionally has not affected Middleton to date. Residential development projects like the Thomas Flatley 204 unit apartment and 24 unit garden condominium complex on Village Road (scheduled to begin in the spring of 2001) will keep the pace of growth at a fairly high rate for the next couple of years. Two smaller residential condominium projects are also under construction; Evergreen Condominiums Phase II (14 units), and a 30 unit senior housing development on Maple Street.

As of January 1, 2000, the federal census recorded the population of Middleton at 7735 and will shortly reach 8,000 in the next two years. The federal census conducted last year counted more than 1,000 Essex County prisoners within Middleton's population. The 1980 federal census recorded only 4,173 residents. Only twenty years later your town government is required to meet the needs of a population almost 100% larger. Although prisoners are not entitled to vote or participate in town government, their presence does impact public safety services as police and fire departments are frequently required to respond to incidents at or near the Essex County Jail.

The higher population count could result in sizable increases in certain categories of state and federal aid that are population driven. We will also cautiously monitor any adverse financial or other impacts from the higher federal population count.

Traffic congestion has noticeably affected the intersections of Essex and Forest at North Main, on Maple Street between Middleton Square and Howe Station, and all along the many new residential streets intersecting with Boston Street. Many other rural collector streets now have steady streams of residential and other through traffic trying to circumvent Middleton Square and its signals.

The Annual Town Meeting approved amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to convert more than 100 acres of half-acre residential zoning along South Main Street to business and light industrial zoning. Other smaller lots along the edges of several existing business zones were rezoned as well for similar purposes.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AND TOWN DEMOGRAPHICS

The financial condition and strength of a town government in Massachusetts is commonly measured by factors such as: level of free cash, indebtedness, property values, composition of job and tax base, local tax rate, extent and quality of municipal services, especially schools.

Free Cash and Indebtedness

The Town's free cash was certified at a record high \$1,811,945 as of July 1, 2000, an increase of \$152,359 above the previous year. This surplus and other financial management practices have contributed to an excellent Double (AA) Wall Street Bond Rating through Moody's Inc. This high rating

represents a strong vote of confidence in the overall fiscal strength of the Town of Middleton. Masconomet's first permanent debt service from the school addition was sold in the spring of 2000 at an attractive rate saving thousands of dollars in long term interest.

Indebtedness has increased with the school addition at Masconomet, but at year-end was still less than 35% of the total debt service allowed by law, with 13% of this amount paid from water and electric rates.

Tax Rate

The fiscal year 2000 tax rate of \$13.10 **decreased** by 15% from the previous year's rate of \$15.14. However assessed values grew by 18% on average, so the typical taxpayer experienced a 3% increase in property taxes from Fiscal Year 2000 to Fiscal Year 2001. The Selectmen voted not to assign a higher tax rate to business and industry in order to attract commercial development to help offset the costs associated with rapid residential growth.

Middleton's tax rate still compares quite favorably to the region and our neighboring communities as the table below demonstrates. Most of the communities listed below increased their property values using the new procedure allowed by the state for interim valuation adjustments between the mandated three-year re-valuations. This process results in lower tax rates despite the need to raise more property taxes.

Community Tax Rate - Fiscal Year 2001				
Community	Residential Rate	Commercial Rate	Two Rate Average	% Higher or Lower Than Middleton
Middleton	\$13.10	\$13.10	\$13.10	
Topsfield	\$13.90	\$13.90	\$13.90	6.1 % Higher
Danvers	\$12.80	\$16.88	\$14.84	13.3 % Higher
No. Reading	\$15.46	\$15.46	\$15.46	18.0 % Higher
Salem	\$13.42	\$29.63	\$21.53	64.3 % Higher
Beverly	\$14.20	\$22.96	\$18.58	41.8 % Higher
Peabody	\$ 8.29	\$16.15	\$12.22	-6.7 % Lower
No. Andover	\$13.18	\$15.75	\$14.47	10.4 % Higher
Hamilton	\$15.12	\$15.12	\$15.12	15.4 % Higher
Boxford	\$12.80	\$12.80	\$12.80	-2.3 % Lower

Job Base, Economic Development and Property Values

The job base remains strong and diversified, although Verizon has announced the relocation of hundreds of its employees to Texas. It is unclear whether Verizon will sell or lease the town's largest commercial tax paying building to another firm, although it will maintain a smaller core of employees at the Village Road property for some time to come. Other job growth has occurred along the North and South Main Street development corridor.

The unemployment rate is consistently at or below the State average varying between 3% and 3.5% over the year. The combined values of all property in Fiscal 2001 increased from \$662,985,335 to \$800,332,982. Ninety-five percent (95%) or \$15,834,713 of the \$16,712,583 in property growth came from residential development. The remaining increase in assessed values resulted from an interim valuation adjustment to reflect the latest market conditions.

Recent studies have affirmed the fact that it costs the Town only about fifty cents of every dollar business pays in taxes to provide them municipal services. This is because businesses do not send children into local schools at a per pupil cost of more than \$6,500.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Many important construction projects are under way or in various stages of plan development. Here is the status of some of the larger ones.

Flatley Apartment and Condominium Complex on Village Road at Ferncroft

Although this is a private development, the size and scope of this project will greatly impact the town and add significant population to this development area next to Interstate 95. Two hundred and four (two-bedroom) apartments and twenty four garden condominiums have been permitted by the Town to be built next to Ferncroft Condominiums on Village Road overlooking the Ferncroft Country Club. Mr. Flatley has also announced he is considering plans for a similar sized assisted living complex further down the hill on Locust Street across from Coppermine Road. This project and the assisted living complex will add sizable population density to this area of Middleton. While there will be service and cost impacts to town government, we hope this population influx will strengthen the business climate around Howe Station and throughout Middleton.

Essex/Forest/North Main Street Signals and Intersection Reconstruction

The Massachusetts Highway Department has approved the final design plans for signaling and reconstructing this dangerous intersection. The next step before bidding and construction are the three or four property conveyances to provide sufficient publicly owned land on which to build the new sidewalks. State and federal grant funds will pay for all improvements and property acquisitions. The State's Central Artery Project in Boston has used all of the federal funding which is normally allocated to begin projects like this one.

The Board of Selectmen is lobbying state officials and key legislators with Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brian Cresta in an effort to locate funding for this stalled project. The State Highway Department's 5-Year Transportation Improvement Plan has pushed the start of this project back to 2007 at the earliest. Residents are encouraged to contact the Governor's Office and your legislative delegates to reverse this decision.

Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 2 from Kenney Road to Middleton Square)

After receiving initial approvals from the State Highway Department, the 1996 Town Meeting authorized Middleton's share, (engineering and design funds), of undertaking improvements similar to the adjoining section of Maple Street currently under construction. Design plans are nearing completion, which call for reconstruction with granite curbing, new sidewalks and drainage on Middleton's second busiest thoroughfare. Unfortunately this project is also dependent upon the release of state and federal highway funds before construction can begin and is competing with the giant Central Artery Project for dollars. The Town will pave the driving surface of the roadway while the wait goes on for the release of federal highway grant funds.

Soccer Field Construction

Two new soccer fields next to the capped landfill at the Transfer Station were finished and will be playable for next year's soccer season. Bleachers were donated by the Danvers Savings Bank and field irrigation systems were installed (using dug wells) to preserve the investment made in these important new athletic facilities. Volunteers are raising funds to construct a tot lot between the two fields.

In a related development, the State Receiver of the Rubchinuk Landfill met with the Selectmen and will donate a full sized soccer field next to the that capped landfill to the Town. This field will insure that the Town has adequate space for its rapidly expanding youth soccer programs.

Ipswich River Bridge Over Boston Street

This 1935 structure is scheduled for replacement through another State Bridges Grant Program. The Massachusetts Highway Department is overseeing design and construction of what is referred to as "a foot print bridge replacement". Construction will begin in 2001 after bidding in the spring. No widening or significant shift in Boston Street is expected during this roadwork.

River Street Reconstruction

The Town is still waiting to receive a grant to help fund the reconstruction of River Street and the access road to the Transfer Station. This \$250,000 grant will pay for the repaving of the Transfer Station Access Road, new drainage and possibly sidewalks along the first section of River Street from Route 114 to the Transfer Station Access Road.

Most town roads were laid out as 40 to 50 foot right-of-ways, although River Street is less than 35 feet wide. Part of these funds would have to be used to acquire the necessary road width to install this first section of sidewalk. Paving was completed in the fall. The beauty and rural character of the neighborhoods is still evident through the preservation of the numerous rock walls and the presence of dozens of large shade trees overhanging the street.

Flint Library and Fire Station Expansion

Structural repairs to the apparatus floor of the Fire Station were completed in the fall of 2000. Apparatus floor lighting was replaced and interior walls and ceilings of both floors were repainted. The expansion of this building was not approved at the Special Town Meeting and Special Election held in December. Residents expressed concerns over the lack of parking if the Fire Station and Library were enlarged at the same location.

The Board of Selectmen appointed a new Library Building Study Committee to investigate additional parking opportunities to support a larger library without burdening the businesses in the Square. It is expected this Committee will request the Town to vote on the expansion plan without the Fire Station portion some time in the fall of 2001.

Masconomet School Expansion and Renovation

Construction and funding for this \$54 million dollar project were approved at the 1999 Annual Town Meetings. Much progress is evident with the planned opening of the new high school in the fall of 2001. It is reported that the project is on schedule and within budget to date.

The debt service for the design funds was included in this year's tax rate at a level that will equal the cost of the building construction and renovations. New costs associated with the opening of the high school will be included in the annual operating budget of the regional school district.

Water Supply Expansion

The Towns of Danvers and Middleton are working together to locate and develop additional water supply. The overall supply of the two-town system has already reached its limits. The withdrawal of further water from the Ipswich River Watershed is closely regulated by the State Department of Environmental Protection. The purchase of additional supply from nearby systems is not as easily approved as it was routinely in the past. The Towns have implemented an aggressive conservation program to reduce consumption wherever possible.

A Danvers and Middleton Water Study Task Force is guiding the investigation process for the additional water supply. The hydrogeologic investigation is centering on five areas that look most promising for the development and use of new deep groundwater wells. These are located primarily in the northeastern quadrant of the Town. The Town of Danvers has begun surveying property in these favorable water development zones.

Northeast Maritimes Natural Gas Pipeline Plans

The Town was shocked to learn of the plans of Northeast Maritimes Inc. to construct a 30" diameter natural gas pipeline through the entire length of the community using as a primary route an electrical corridor owned by New England Power Company. A Special Town Meeting raised funds to hire a consultant to work with neighboring communities to represent affected property owners and Middleton's interest before the federal permitting authorities. Approximately 6.5 miles of pipeline is planned to run through Middleton beginning at the New England Power Company easement and running southerly through or around the Emerson Brook Reservoir, then running southerly along the North Reading Middleton town line, and finally continuing across Boston and River Streets into Peabody.

The Board of Selectmen sponsored more than six meetings with affected neighborhoods to cajole the corporate managers of the gas pipeline company to respond to the many concerns and impacts from construction. Well-organized and very active Forest and Lake Street homeowners and other neighbors were instrumental in convincing Maritimes to relocate the pipeline's path to affect fewer property owners. Most concerns relate to safety, diminished property values and a loss of natural habitat and trees along the pipeline path.

Other Administrative Business

The Board of Selectmen held and attended bi-weekly meetings to approve the weekly bills, resolve citizen complaints, conduct license and permit hearings, and review and formulate the municipal budget and all policy matters. In addition joint meetings were held with the Finance Committee, the two School Committees, Master Plan Committee, Conservation Commission, Library Building Advisory Committee, and Recreation Commission to work on issues of mutual concern and interest.

Representatives of the Selectmen attended meetings of and participated in the Master Plan Committee, Water Advisory Committee, Police Station Study Committee, Essex County Selectmen's Association, Middleton School Enrollment Study Committee, Danvers State Hospital Task Force, Fire Station and Library Study Committee, Jail Liaison Committee, and Traffic and Sidewalk Safety Committee.

In addition to the above some of the most time consuming and noteworthy activities of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator during the year included:

- ☐ Held numerous special meetings to review the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, including three Saturday sessions to closely examine operating budgets.
- ☐ Administered the eighth year of an Essex Home Consortium Grant of federal funds. This program awards loans to low and moderate income homeowners to make life safety code repairs to their properties.
- ☐ Attended meetings of the Essex County Selectmen's Association and the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Conference. The interaction with other Selectmen and municipal officials allows Board members to compare neighboring community services and policies.
- ☐ Met with State Representative Brian Cresta and State Senator Bruce Tarr to support legislation in the best interest of the Town. Both individuals continue to show great interest in our community and have been extremely responsive to Middleton's needs and issues.
- ☐ Negotiated collective bargaining contracts for three labor unions in order to provide fair, market rate, and affordable compensation to Middleton's public employees.
- ☐ Met with East Street neighbors and Michael Leon, Superior Court appointed Receiver of the Rubchinuk Landfill, to review plans for closure and capping and negotiate the donation of a soccer field to the Town to be constructed on land next to the capped landfill.
- ☐ Maintained a bond rating of "AA" from Wall Street's Moody's Investors Rating Service during the sale of Masconomet's first permanent debt service on the \$54,000,000 building project.

- ❑ Interviewed and selected three new reserve police officers bringing the ranks of uniformed members of the Police Department's Reserve Force to thirteen.
- ❑ Worked closely with the Assessors in restructuring their office staff to provide better service to the taxpayers and conversion to a new automated assessment valuation system.
- ❑ Conducted an extensive recruitment for a Public Works Superintendent to replace Dennis Roy, who left to take a similar position in Lynnfield, and hired Bob Hoffman as the new Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hoffman comes to Middleton after spending all of his public works career with the City of Newton in various management capacities. Mr. Hoffman brings an excellent array of public works knowledge and management skills to this position and looks forward to leading a small department involved in all aspects of this important function. The Board also initiated the restructuring of the public works department to improve management capacity as the town and department grows. DPW Foreman Ken Gibbons was promoted to Deputy Superintendent of Public Works. Ken's outstanding work ethic and dedication to his department's public mission brings much needed strength to the management of this department.
- ❑ Appointed David Leary Sr. as Fire Chief to replace Chief Henry Michalski, who left to become Ipswich's new chief. Chief Leary's diverse technical skills and extensive knowledge of fire fighting and in addition to his long history of good service to his department and his community will serve the town well in the next few years.
- ❑ Authorized a new study committee for the Police and Fire Stations to examine the need and opportunities for renovation and expansion and possible consolidation at a single location.
- ❑ Approved a Bandstand Study Committee recommendation to permit the Middleton Kiwanis Club to build the Norm Nathan Memorial Bandstand at the Town Common behind Memorial Hall.

As I begin my nineteenth year as Town Administrator, I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, my Administrative Secretary Donna Innis, department heads, employees, committee chairpersons, and residents of Middleton for their support, advice, ideas and good guidance.

It is with sincere sadness that we acknowledge the death of Winnefred Fitzpatrick, who served delicious hot meals and deserts to our senior citizens for years at the Council of Aging meal site at the Library and later at Old Town Hall. We will miss her warm smile, friendly manner, and the tasty enhancements she brought to the senior meal site program.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the many Middleton people who unselfishly contribute so much to the well being of this outstanding community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ira S. Singer
Town Administrator

On Behalf of
The Board of Selectmen

Richard W. Kassiotis, Chairman

Nancy M. Jones
Mary Jane Morrin
William R. Mugford
Joseph E. Pascucci

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 16, 1999

On Tuesday, November 16, 1999, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert announced that a quorum was present and called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual five places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on November 1, 1999. The Moderator asked for committee reports.

Ellen Weitzler for the Elementary School Committee reported that they are in the process of creating an Elementary School Space Needs Committee to evaluate enrollment projections for the next ten years and to do a preliminary identification of potential space alternatives if shortfall conditions are identified. She reported that this is necessary because both schools are currently close to being at capacity.

The ten articles of the Special Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

Article 1: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed Master Plan of the Town of Middleton revised under the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81D, (an Executive Summary of which is attached below), and to endorse Executive Actions #1-6 (the major recommendations contained within said plan), and direct the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee and the Planning Board to implement said plan by submitting the proposed Development Scheduling Bylaw and recommended zoning changes to the May 2000 Annual Town Meeting, and to see if the Town will take any other action related thereto.

The Moderator then read the six major recommendations contained within the Master Plan:

1. Authorize the Town to set aside a substantial amount of money for the purpose of buying land and/or development rights on land to keep it from being developed, and to add to the stock of land available for municipal purposes.
2. Pass a zoning bylaw amendment, which "schedules" or limits residential subdivision development to 4 lots per year or 1/4 of the total lots in each proposed project.
3. Revise Zoning Districts:
 - 3.1 Expand the zoning district boundaries for business zones in Middleton Square and at the intersection of Maple, East and Gregory Streets.
 - 3.2 Expand the M-1 light industry zoning district along, and on the east side of South Main Street.
 - 3.3 Allow B business zone uses in the M-1 light industry zoning district on the east side, and within 500 feet, of South Main Street. (Already in the Zoning Bylaw)
 - 3.4 Change the zoning category from I institutional to C conservation on the state-owned "Colony" land. Also change the central area of this land that contains buildings to M-1 light industry.
 - 3.5 Change the zoning category of the B-1a limited business district along North Main Street, north of Debush Avenue, to M-1 light industry.
 - 3.6 Change the zoning category from B and R-1b to M-1 of lands along North Main St. south of Rockaway Rd. and west of the N.E. Power Co. transmission line.
 - 3.7 Expand the M-1 zone at the intersection of River and South Main Streets, to include land west of Dailey's Restaurant. Zone B business uses would be permitted in this M-1 area, within 500 feet of South Main Street. as is now done on both sides of South Main Street.
4. Pass a zoning bylaw amendment that establishes a design review committee to provide advice on proposed commercial and industrial developments.

5. Pass a zoning bylaw amendment which provides 10% density bonuses for developments which include a senior center and/or limits occupancy of residential units to persons over age 54. A 10% density bonus would be available for either feature, allowing a 20% bonus for developments that include both features.
6. Authorize and establish a Master Plan Committee.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article because this plan defines and elaborates the major growth issues facing the Town. They also explained that implementation of the plan will be proposed at the May Town Meeting.

The Planning Board recommended adoption of the Master Plan, but explained that their recommendation does not necessarily mean that they endorse implementation of every proposal within it. Clerk George Dow explained that the Board plans to begin informal hearings on implementing it on January 12th.

Kosta Prentakis for the Master Plan Study Committee spoke in favor of adopting the Plan and gave a brief history of his board's efforts over the past two years. Representatives of Planners Collaborative gave an overview of the Master Plan.

After several questions and answers, the vote to adopt the Master Plan was unanimous.

Article 2: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Galeucia Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended adoption of Galeucia Road as a Town Street. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously.

Article 3: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign deeds necessary to extinguish easements over all the following roads: Frances Road, Pitts Street, and Spring Road, (all of which are paper streets) located within the Upton Hills Subdivision, and to take any action relative thereto.

Purpose: This action is necessary to clear up title encumbrances of an Upton Hills Road property owner and will extinguish an easement over conservation land owned by the Town.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended approval. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously.

Article 4: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to purchase fencing and permanent soccer goals at the new soccer fields next to the Transfer Station at the Emily Maher Memorial Recreation Park, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

(This article was approved to be included in the FY 2000 Capital Improvement Budget and was supposed to be transferred to the warrant. This omission was not discovered until after the Annual Town Meeting Warrant closed. It is being inserted into the Special Town Meeting Warrant in order to complete this work before the start of next spring's soccer season.)

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 4 with the funding to come from Free Cash. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 5: On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install air conditioning equipment in the Library to provide a more suitable environment for public use during periods of excessive heat and humidity, or to take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting appropriate \$18,000 from Free Cash to install air conditioning equipment in the Library. Michelle Mals, Director of the Flint Public Library, spoke in favor. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Article 6: On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 to purchase and install shelving in the Children's and Adult Departments, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 to purchase and install shelving in the Children's and Adult Departments and replace the copy machine and to provide the necessary funding as follows: \$1500 to be taken from the library copier account and \$5700 from Free Cash. (The Finance Committee motion corrected the typographical omission of the replacement of the copy machine.) Michelle Mals gave a brief explanation of the needs, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 7: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,500 to pay for Fiscal Year 2000 unanticipated special education expenses, maternity and sick leave expenses, and to pay for education reform required professional development expenses, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 7 as written with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. John Erickson explained that this article provides \$76,500 for new additional special education students; \$11,500 for maternity and sick leave expenses; and \$12,500 for previously unfunded education reform requirements.

Tom Skinner of the Elementary School Committee spoke in favor of funding these expenses. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Article 8: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,250 to be added to the Fiscal Year 2000 School Maintenance Accounts to fund unanticipated expenses in those accounts, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

John Erickson for the Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. He explained that these unanticipated expenses include: \$6,050 for heat and ventilation repairs at Howe Manning School; \$5,800 for replacement of the main electrical breaker at Fuller Meadow School; and \$1,400 for replacement of sprinkler heads at Fuller Meadow School. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 9: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and the Cable Television Advisory Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to pay for legal consulting fees related to the issuance of a second cable franchise license within the Town of Middleton, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

Robert Twombly for the Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 9 with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. He explained that this article would provide funds for legal fees related to issuing a second cable television license within the Town which would create competition for the existing licensee, MediaOne. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Article 10: On petition of the Board of Selectmen, acting in the capacity of the Personnel Board, to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Consolidated Personnel Plan 7.08 as follows for Fiscal Year 2000:

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Town Employees For Fiscal Year 2000**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective: July 1, 1998:	Proposed July 1, 1999:
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Town Officials (Elected)

Town Moderator	\$100/Yr.	\$100/Yr.
Town Constable	\$100/Yr.	\$100/Yr.
Town Clerk	\$36,400/Yr.	\$37,492/Yr.
Selectman-Chairman	\$2,100/Yr.	\$2,100/Yr.
Selectman	\$1,600/Yr.	\$1,600/Yr.
School Committee-Chairman	\$750/Yr.	\$750/Yr.
School Committee	\$600/Yr.	\$600/Yr.
Assessor - Each Member *	\$2,000/Yr.	\$2,000/Yr.

* Range of \$500-\$2,000 depending upon education/training level

Non-Union Employees and Other Town Appointees

Census Workers	\$1,050/Yr.	\$1,050/Yr.
Poll Workers	\$7.80/Hr.	\$8.03/Hr.
Superintendent of Burials	\$400/Yr.	\$400/Yr.
Registrar of Voters	\$95/Election	\$95/Election
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	\$175/Yr.	\$175/Yr.

Part Time Clerical Staff:
(All Departments)

Step I	\$10.93/Hr.	\$11.25/Hr.
Step II	\$11.63/Hr.	\$11.97/Hr.
Step III	\$12.17/Hr.	\$12.53/Hr.
Step IV	\$12.60/Hr.	\$12.97/Hr.
Step V	\$12.80/Hr.	\$13.18/Hr.
Committee and Board Secretaries:	\$83.00/Meeting	\$85.00/Meeting
Cable Television Technician	\$8.70/Hr.	\$8.96/Hr.

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Finance and Administration

Town Administrator <small>FY 2000 Range of \$59,410/Yr. - \$64,139/Yr.</small>	\$62,271/Yr.	\$64,139/Yr.
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Administrative Secretary <small>FY 2000 Range of \$28,644/Yr.- \$32,888/Yr.</small>	\$31,930/Yr.	\$32,888/Yr.
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Town Accountant <small>FY 2000 Range of \$41,375/Yr.- \$44,705/Yr.</small>	\$43,403/Yr.	\$44,705/Yr.
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Custodian of Town Lands	\$1,500/Yr.	\$1,550/Yr.
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Treasurer/Collector <small>FY 2000 Range of \$38,250Yr.- \$42,632/Yr.</small>	\$41,390/Yr.	\$42,632/Yr.
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Town Counsel	\$12,566/Yr.	\$13,000/Yr.
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Assessor/Appraiser <small>FY 2000 Range of \$37,132/Yr. - \$42,500/Yr.</small>	\$39,784/Yr.	\$38,250/Yr.
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Health and Human Services

Health Department

Health Agent <small>FY 2000 Range of \$41,969/Yr. - \$45,385/Yr.</small>	\$44,063/Yr.	\$45,385/Yr.
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Veterans' Sevices

Veteran's Agent	\$7,334/Yr.	\$7,554/Yr.
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Council on Aging

Council on Aging Director <small>FY 2000 Range of \$8,695/Yr. - \$10,467/Yr.</small>	\$10,162/Yr.	\$10,467/Yr.
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Meal Site Coordinator	\$9.03/Hr.	\$9.30/Hr.
Council Of Aging Driver	\$10.91/Hr.	\$11.24/Hr.
Medical Transportation Drivers	\$6.93/Hr.	\$7.14/Hr.
Janitor	\$8.42/Hr.	\$8.67/Hr.

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Health and Human Services

Flint Public Library

Library Director	\$34,505/Yr.	\$36,050/Yr.
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FY 2000 Range of \$33,949Yr. - \$36,050/Yr.

Assistant Director		
Step 1	\$11.04/Hr.	\$11.37/Hr.
Step 2 (6 months)	\$11.79/Hr.	\$12.14/Hr.
Step 3 (18 months)	\$12.49/Hr.	\$12.86/Hr.
Step 4 (30 months)	\$12.94/Hr.	\$13.32/Hr.
Step 5 (54 months)	\$13.19/Hr.	\$13.58/Hr.

Adult Services Librarian
Children's Librarian
Reference Librarian

Step 1	\$10.93/Hr.	\$11.25/Hr.
Step 2 (6 months)	\$11.63/Hr.	\$11.97/Hr.
Step 3 (18 months)	\$12.17/Hr.	\$12.53/Hr.
Step 4 (30 months)	\$12.60/Hr.	\$12.97/Hr.
Step 5 (54 months)	\$12.80/Hr.	\$13.18/Hr.

Clerk/Typist	\$7.00/Hr.	\$7.21/Hr.
Pages	\$6.00/Hr.	\$6.18/Hr.
Janitor	\$6,567/Yr.	\$6,961/Yr.

Recreation Commission

Summer Recreation Programs

Program Director	\$13.27/Hr.	\$13.66/Hr.
Program Assistant	\$9.32/Hr.	\$9.59/Hr.
Recreation Assistants	\$6.33/Hr.	\$6.51/Hr.

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Public Safety

Animal Control Officer	\$12,235/Yr.	\$12,602/Yr.
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Fire Department - Stipends

Drillmaster	\$300/Yr.	\$350/Yr.
Mechanic	\$1,000/Yr.	\$2,000/Yr.
Fire Prevention Officer	\$520/Yr.	\$520/Yr.
Fire Chief *	\$62,664/Yr.	\$64,544/Yr.
Police Chief *	\$66,000/Yr.	\$67,980/Yr.

* These positions are included for informational purposes only as salaries are set by other statutes.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent of Public Works	\$56,767/Yr.	\$60,000/Yr.
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FY 2000 Range of \$55,000/Yr.- \$62,000/Yr.

DPW Foreman	\$16.10/Hr.	\$16.58/Hr.
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Water System Operator	N.A.	\$17.12/Hr.
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FY 2000 Range of \$16.30/Hr.-\$18.28/Hr.

Emergency Call Wages	\$6,968/Yr.	\$7,657/Yr.
CDL Plow/Sander Operator	\$15.92/Hr.	\$16.39/Hr.

Part Time Truck Driver	\$9.29/Hr.	\$9.57/Hr.
Part Time Laborer	\$7.88/Hr.	\$8.12/Hr.
Transfer Station Gate Attendant	\$9.60/Hr.	\$9.89/Hr.

Department Of Inspections:

Building Inspector	\$44,844/Yr.	\$46,189/Yr.
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FY 2000 Range of \$38,209/Yr. - \$46,189/Yr.

Gas/Plumbing Inspector	\$7,604/Yr.	\$7,832/Yr.
Wiring Inspector	\$10,340/Yr.	\$12,500/Yr.

Alternate Inspectors: Wiring, Health, Building and Conservation Commission Agent*	\$17.04/Hr. N.A.	\$17.55/Hr. \$12,500/Yr.
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* Salary based upon a minimum 12 hour week. At the Annual Town Meeting these expenses were transferred to the Conservation Commission's operating budget for FY 2000.

The Finance committee recommended adoption of this article amended to read as follows: under the heading of Department of Inspections (on the last page) "Conservation Consultant" will read "Conservation Commission Agent" and under Voted Effective July 1, 1998 it should read "Not applicable" and under Proposed July 1, 1999 it should read "\$12,500" and there should be a note that explains "Salary based on a minimum of 12 hours/week." The Finance Committee's amendment was adopted unanimously. In answer to a question from John LeBlanc, Town Administrator Ira Singer explained that this plan is retroactive to July 1st. After considerable discussion, the motion carried by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator extended the Master Plan Study Committee's invitation to anyone who wants to stay after the meeting to discuss the changes being proposed.

The Meeting was dissolved at 9:00 p.m.

Attest a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

The Polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 PM. There were 3,950 registered voters at the close of registration before the election and 1,343 ballots were cast: 493 Democratic, 1 Libertarian, and 849 Republican. The results were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

Presidential Preference

Al Gore	286
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1
Bill Bradley	174
No Preference	15
Blanks	8
All Others	1
John McCain	8

State Committee Man

Stephen J. O'Leary	349
Blanks	138
All Others	6

State Committee Woman

Kathleen A. Pasquina	339
Blanks	148
All Others	6

Town Committee

Mary Jane Morrin	303
Charles W. Newhall	311
Mary C. Hocter	276
Nancy M. Jones	327
Blanks	16,030
All Others	8
Blank	1

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

Presidential Preference

Alan Keyes	16
George W. Bush	278
Gary Bauer	1
John McCain	545
Steve Forbes	2
Orrin Hatch	0
No Preference	1
Blanks	3
All Others	3

State Committee Man

Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	537
Blanks	311
All Others	1

State Committee Woman

Nancy J. Luther	543
Blanks	306

Town Committee

James V. Hannon, Jr.	411
Joseph P. Pascucci	436
Grace I. Inglis	423
Karen J. Rodham	413
Georgia D. Lewis	428
Roger E. Drysdale	423
Priscilla L. Drysdale	413
Calvin C. Barnes	396
Patrick R. Langone	432
Blanks	25,955
All Others	3

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT

Presidential Preference

Kip Lee	0
Harry Browne	0
Edison P. McDaniels, Sr.	1
Larry Hines	0
David Lynn Hollist	0
L. Neil Smith	0
No Preference	0

State Committee Man

Blank	1
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State Committee Woman

Town Committee	1
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TOWN OF MIDDLETON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 9, 2000

On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert announced that a quorum was present and called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual five places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on April 25, 2000. The two articles of the Special Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

Article 1: On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to re-certify the School Building Construction Budget to a total of \$52,062,844 by appropriating \$408,844 for the purchase of software, technology, furniture, and equipment to be appropriated from FY 2000 Chapter 70 Funds with no additional assessment made to the member towns; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 1 with the funds to be appropriated from Chapter 70 Funds. The Meeting agreed with a unanimous voice vote.

Article 2: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,250 to pay for unforeseen special education expenses for Fiscal Year 2000; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the appropriation of \$19,250 from Free Cash to pay for these expenses and it was voted to do so by a unanimous voice vote.

The business of the meeting being complete, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

TOWN OF MIDDLETON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 9, 2000

On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert announced that a quorum was present and called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. It was later shown that 227 voters were present. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual five places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on May 2, 2000.

Middleton Boy Scout Troop 19 led the Meeting in saluting the flag.

Before starting the regular business of the Annual Town Meeting, the Moderator announced his intention to dispose of a few pleasant details first. He introduced our new Head Librarian, Adele Carter; our new Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, Robert Hoffman; and our new Town Counsel, Tom Fallon. He then turned the Meeting over to Town Accountant Robert Murphy who presented the Rotary Club's Annual Outstanding Citizen of the Tri-Town Area Award to Robert Twombly for his more than 30 years of service to the Town on the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Recreation Commission, and the Cable TV Advisory Committee.

The articles of the Annual Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

Article 1: To hear and act on Committee Reports.

- Kosta Prentakis reported for the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee
- Mary Jane Morrin reported for the Library and Fire Station Feasibility Study Committee
- Susan Gannon-Moore reported for the Sidewalk and Traffic Safety Study Committee
- Judy Gallerie reported for the Masconomet School Building Committee

It was moved and seconded from the floor and unanimously voted to accept the committee reports.

Betty Hamilton of 16 King Street asked the Moderator to specify how he will deal with reconsideration. Mr. Tragert explained that our bylaws specify that reconsideration requires a two-thirds vote. Our tradition and policy have been that reconsideration is generally not allowed and only could be allowed when there is some significant new information that was not available to the voters at the time they voted on the original article. A motion to reconsider has to be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side.

Article 2: On petition of the Treasurer to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2000, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 2 be adopted as written, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 3: On petition of the Board of Selectmen acting in the capacity of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Consolidated Personnel Plan SECTION 7.08 as follows:

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Town Employees For Fiscal Year 2001**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective: July 1, 1999:	Proposed July 1, 2000:
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Town Officials (Elected)

Town Moderator	\$100/Yr.	\$100/Yr.
Town Constable	\$100/Yr.	\$100/Yr.
Town Clerk	\$37,492/Yr.	\$39,070/Yr.
Selectman-Chairman	\$2,100/Yr.	\$2,100/Yr.
Selectman	\$1,600/Yr.	\$1,600/Yr.
School Committee-Chairman **	\$750/Yr.	\$750/Yr.
School Committee **	\$600/Yr.	\$600/Yr.
Assessor - Each Member *	\$2,000/Yr.	\$2,000/Yr.

* Range of \$500-\$2,000 depending upon education/training level

** School Committee Members did not receive compensation for FY 2000 and FY 2001 for these stipends, but the authorization remains in the compensation plan if the School Committee chooses to restore these amounts to the budget in the future.

Non-Union Employees and Other Town Appointees

Census Workers	\$1,050/Yr.	\$1,050/Yr.
Poll Workers	\$8.03/Hr.	\$8.27/Hr.
Superintendent of Burials	\$500/Yr.	\$500/Yr.
Registrar of Voters	\$95/Election	\$95/Election
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	\$175/Yr.	\$250/Yr.
 Part Time Clerical Staff: (All Departments)		
Step I	\$11.25/Hr.	\$11.59/Hr.
Step II	\$11.97/Hr.	\$12.33/Hr.
Step III	\$12.53/Hr.	\$12.91/Hr.
Step IV	\$12.97/Hr.	\$13.36/Hr.
Step V	\$13.18/Hr.	\$13.58/Hr.
 Committee and Board Secretaries:	 \$85.00/Meeting	 \$88.00/Meeting
 Cable Television Technician	 \$8.96/Hr.	 \$9.23/Hr.

Finance and Administration

Town Administrator	\$64,139/Yr.	\$66,063/Yr.
FY 2001 Range of \$61,192/Yr. - \$66,063/Yr.		
 Administrative Secretary	 \$32,888/Yr.	 \$33,875/Yr.
FY 2001 Range of \$29,503/Yr. - \$33,875/Yr.		

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Town Employees For Fiscal Year 2001**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective: July 1, 1999:	Proposed July 1, 2000:
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Finance and Administration

Town Accountant <small>FY 2001 Range of \$42,616/Yr.- \$46,046/Yr.</small>	\$44,705/Yr.	\$46,046/Yr.
Custodian of Town Lands	\$1,550/Yr.	\$1,550/Yr.
Treasurer/Collector <small>FY 2001 Range of \$39,398Yr- \$43,911/Yr.</small>	\$42,632/Yr.	\$43,911/Yr.
Town Counsel	\$13,400/Yr.	\$13,800/Yr.
Assessor/Appraiser <small>FY 2001 Range of \$39,000/Yr. - \$45,000/Yr.</small>	\$38,250/Yr.	\$43,000/Yr.
Administrative Assessor	n.a.	\$32,000/Yr.

Health and Human Services

Health Department

Health Agent <small>FY 2001 Range of \$43,228/Yr. - \$46,747/Yr.</small>	\$45,385/Yr.	\$46,747/Yr.
Conservation Commission Agent	\$12,500/Yr.	\$12,875/Yr.

Veteran's Sevices

Veteran's Agent	\$7,554/Yr.	\$7,780/Yr.
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Council on Aging

Council on Aging Director	\$10,467/Yr.	\$22,841/Yr.
Meal Site Coordinator	\$9.30/Hr.	n.a.
Council Of Aging Driver	\$11.24/Hr.	n.a.
COA Driver/Meal Site Coordinator	n.a.	\$11.00/Hr.
Reserve: Drivers or Meal Site Employees	\$8.10/Hr.	\$8.34/Hr.
Medical Transportation Drivers	\$7.14/Hr.	\$7.35/Hr.
Coordinator/Secretary	\$7.50/Hr.	\$7.73/Hr.
Janitor	\$8.67/Hr.	\$8.93/Hr.

* Change in hours from 15 to 25 hours

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Town Employees For Fiscal Year 2001**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective: July 1, 1999:	Proposed July 1, 2000:
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Public Safety

Animal Control Officer	\$12,602/Yr.	\$12,980/Yr.
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Fire Department - Stipends

Drillmaster	\$350/Yr.	\$750/Yr.
Mechanic	\$2,000/Yr.	\$2,000/Yr.
Fire Prevention Officer	\$520/Yr.	\$750/Yr.
 Fire Chief *	 \$64,544/Yr.	 \$66,480/Yr.
Police Chief *	\$67,980/Yr.	\$70,019/Yr.

* These positions are included for informational purposes only as salaries are set by other statutes.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent of Public Works	\$60,000/Yr.	\$62,750/Yr.
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FY 2001 Range of \$61,800/Yr.- \$63,654/Yr.

Operations Supervisor/Deputy Superintendent of Public Works	n.a.	\$52,000/Yr.
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FY 2001 Range of \$47,000/Yr. - \$52,000/Yr.

Water System Operator	\$17.12/Hr.	\$17.63/Hr.
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FY 2001 Range of \$16.79/Hr.-\$18.83/Hr.

General DPW Working Foreman	\$16.58/Hr.	n.a.
Emergency Call Wages	\$7,657/Yr.	n.a.
CDL Plow/Sander Operator	\$16.39/Hr.	\$16.88/Hr.

Part Time Truck Driver	\$9.57/Hr.	\$9.86/Hr.
Part Time Laborer	\$8.12/Hr.	\$8.36/Hr.
Transfer Station Gate Attendant	\$9.89/Hr.	\$10.19/Hr.

Department Of Inspections:

Building Inspector	\$46,189/Yr.	\$47,575/Yr.
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FY 2001 Range of \$39,355/Yr. - \$47,575/Yr.

Gas/Plumbing Inspector	\$7,832/Yr.	\$8,067/Yr.
Wiring Inspector	\$12,500/Yr.	\$12,875/Yr.
Alternate Inspectors:	\$17.55/Hr.	\$18.08/Hr.
Wiring, Health, Building		

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Town Employees For Fiscal Year 2001**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective: July 1, 1999:	Proposed July 1, 2000:
<i>Health and Human Services</i>		
Flint Public Library		
Library Director FY 2001 Range of \$34,967/Yr. - \$37,130/Yr.	\$36,050/Yr.	\$37,130/Yr.
Assistant Director		
Step 1	\$11.37/Hr.	\$11.71/Hr.
Step 2 (6 months)	\$12.14/Hr.	\$12.50/Hr.
Step 3 (18 months)	\$12.86/Hr.	\$13.25/Hr.
Step 4 (30 months)	\$13.32/Hr.	\$13.72/Hr.
Step 5 (54 months)	\$13.58/Hr.	\$14.00/Hr.
Adult Services Librarian		
Children's Librarian		
Reference Librarian		
Step 1	\$11.25/Hr.	\$11.59/Hr.
Step 2 (6 months)	\$11.97/Hr.	\$12.33/Hr.
Step 3 (18 months)	\$12.53/Hr.	\$12.91/Hr.
Step 4 (30 months)	\$12.97/Hr.	\$13.36/Hr.
Step 5 (54 months)	\$13.18/Hr.	\$13.58/Hr.
Clerk/Typist	\$7.21/Hr.	\$7.43/Hr.
Pages	\$6.18/Hr.	\$6.25-\$7.50/Hr.
Recreation Commission		
Summer Recreation Program		
Program Director	\$13.66/Hr.	\$14.07/Hr.
Program Assistant	\$9.59/Hr.	\$9.88/Hr.
Recreation Assistants	\$6.51/Hr.	\$6.71/Hr.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 3 with the following changes from the printed warrant:

On page 9 in the Finance and Administration budget the administrative Assessor's salary voted effective July 1, 1999, should read "not applicable" because the position did not exist last year.

On page 10 in the Department of Public Works budget the Operations Supervisor/Deputy Superintendent proposed July 1, 2000, should read zero dollars, not \$52,000/Yr. General DPW Working Foreman proposed July 1, 200 should be changed from "not applicable" to \$17.08/Hr. and Emergency Call Wages proposed July 2, 2000 should be changed from "not applicable" to \$7,887. The Finance Committee does not recommend the new position of Operations Supervisor/Deputy Superintendent. Robert Twombly explained the Finance Committee's belief that this is a new position and should therefore be a warrant article and that the new Superintendent should be in place for a year and then he should decide on the department's needs.

Selectman Pascucci spoke in favor of the Selectmen's proposal to restructure the Department of Public Works. Selectman Jones made a motion to amend the Operations Supervisor/Deputy Superintendent's salary to \$52,000, the General DPW Working Foreman's wage to "n.a." and the Emergency Call Wages to "n.a." Her motion was seconded from the floor. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken by a showing of cards. The results were: Yes—120; No—76. The motion to amend carried. The amended main motion then carried unanimously.



Article 4: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ensuing twelve months. The following pages of the Town Operating Budget constitute the detail of this article.

**Town of Middleton
Operating Budget FY2001**

NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Department #114 TOWN MODERATOR						
5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	\$100	\$100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Department #122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATOR						
5100	Personal Services	105,201	108,126	111,437	111,437	111,437
5200	Purchase of Services	17,150	17,150	17,150	17,150	17,150
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	33,294	35,614	46,618	46,618	46,618
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$157,445	\$162,690	\$177,205	\$177,205	\$177,205
Department #131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
5100	Personal Services	996	1,376	1,408	1,408	1,408
5200	Purchase of Services	115	115	115	115	115
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	100	100	100	100
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	40,150	40,150	60,150	60,150	60,150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$41,361	\$41,741	\$61,773	\$61,773	\$61,773
Department #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT						
5100	Personal Services	59,377	61,315	63,618	63,618	63,618
5200	Purchase of Services	2,270	2,345	2,370	2,370	2,370
5400	Purchase of Supplies	600	600	600	600	600
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	245	245	245	245	245
5800	Capital Outlay	150	1,650	200	200	200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$62,642	\$66,155	\$67,033	\$67,033	\$67,033
Department #141 ASSESSORS						
5100	Personal Services	74,308	76,185	88,000	88,000	88,000
5200	Purchase of Services	11,760	26,860	20,360	20,360	20,360
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,550	1,550	1,650	1,650	1,650
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,825	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
5800	Capital Outlay		1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$90,443	\$108,595	\$114,210	\$114,210	\$114,210
Department #145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR						
5100	Personal Services	97,261	105,676	109,244	109,244	109,244
5200	Purchase of Services	14,300	39,900	40,300	40,300	40,300
5400	Purchase of Supplies	3,250	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	425	625	650	650	650
5800	Capital Outlay	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$116,436	\$151,101	\$155,194	\$155,194	\$155,194
Department #146 CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS						
5100	Personal Services	1,500	1,500	1,550	1,550	1,550
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,500	\$1,500	1,550	1,550	1,550
Department #151 TOWN COUNSEL						
5200	Purchase of Services	22,066	23,400	24,300	24,300	24,300
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$22,066	\$23,400	\$24,300	\$24,300	\$24,300

**Town of Middleton
Operating Budget FY2001**

NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Department #152 PERSONNEL BOARD						
5100	Personal Services	1,000	1,032	\$1,056	\$1,056	\$1,056
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,000	\$1,032	\$1,056	\$1,056	\$1,056
Department #161 TOWN CLERK						
5100	Personal Services	53,706	55,487	57,781	57,781	57,781
5200	Purchase of Services	2,200	2,230	2,360	2,360	2,360
5400	Purchase of Supplies	850	850	850	850	850
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	400	400	400	400	400
5800	Capital Outlay	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$57,156	\$60,467	\$62,891	\$62,891	\$62,891
Department #162 ELECTIONS/ REGISTRATIONS						
5100	Personal Services	8,515	6,960	9,240	9,240	9,240
5200	Purchase of Services	4,280	3,400	5,375	5,375	5,375
5400	Purchase of Supplies	550	450	600	600	600
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$13,345	\$10,810	\$15,215	\$15,215	\$15,215
Department #171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
5100	Personal Services	3,125	15,675	14,571	14,571	14,571
5200	Purchase of Services	900	900	900	900	900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	300	300	300	300	300
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	450	450	450	450	450
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$4,775	\$17,325	\$16,221	\$16,221	\$16,221
Department #175 PLANNING BOARD						
5100	Personal Services	13,060	13,099	12,049	12,049	12,049
5200	Purchase of Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	500	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	915	915	915	915	915
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$17,075	\$17,114	\$16,064	\$16,064	\$16,064
Department #176 BOARD OF APPEALS						
5100	Personal Services	10,315	10,511	12,571	12,571	12,571
5200	Purchase of Services	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
5400	Purchase of Supplies	200	200	200	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	60	60	60	60	60
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$13,975	\$14,171	\$16,231	\$16,231	\$16,231
Department #181 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT						
5200	Purchase of Services	\$100	\$100	\$0	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department #192 TOWN BUILDINGS						
5100	Personal Services	4,900	0	0	0	0
5200	Purchase of Services	25,950	32,150	32,650	32,650	32,650
5400	Purchase of Supplies	6,100	6,100	7,000	7,000	7,000
5800	Capital Outlay	600	600	600	600	600
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$37,550	\$38,850	\$40,250	\$40,250	\$40,250

**Town of Middletown
Operating Budget FY2001**

NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
TOTAL GEN. GOVERNMENT FUNCTION 100		\$636,969	\$715,151	\$769,293	\$769,293	\$769,293
FUNCTION: 200 PUBLIC SAFETY						
Department #210 POLICE DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	641,711	679,821	701,972	701,972	701,972
5200	Purchase of Services	55,061	60,545	60,598	60,598	60,598
5400	Purchase of Supplies	21,091	23,741	25,885	25,885	25,885
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	17,285	17,285	17,435	17,435	17,435
5800	Capital Outlay	44,400	46,400	51,800	51,800	51,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$779,548	\$827,792	\$857,690	\$857,690	\$857,690
Department #220 FIRE DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	673,781	735,644	760,386	760,386	760,386
5200	Purchase of Services	33,900	35,200	36,575	36,575	36,575
5400	Purchase of Supplies	23,900	24,650	26,450	26,450	26,450
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	5,100	5,300	5,450	5,450	5,450
5800	Capital Outlay	6,500	8,000	9,500	9,500	9,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$743,181	\$808,794	\$838,361	\$838,361	\$838,361
Department #241 INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	68,908	82,413	98,555	98,555	98,555
5200	Purchase of Services	2,540	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	750	750	750	750
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	7,150	7,150	7,500	7,500	7,500
5800	Capital Outlay		1,500	1,200	1,200	1,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$79,098	\$95,113	\$111,505	\$111,505	\$111,505
1 This total now includes funds for the 3rd DPW Building Secretary approved last year in a warrant article						
Department #291 CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS						
5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Department #292 ANIMAL CONTROL						
5100	Personal Services	12,235	12,602	12,980	12,980	12,980
5200	Purchase of Services	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	725	725	725	725	725
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	800	800	800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$18,760	\$19,327	\$20,505	\$20,505	\$20,505
Department #296 TOWN CONSTABLE						
5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION 200		\$1,620,787	\$1,751,226	\$1,828,261	\$1,828,261	\$1,828,261

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NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION: 300 EDUCATION						
FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION						
Department #301 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	2,376,112	2,751,736	2,815,144	2,815,144	2,815,144
5200	Purchase of Services	559,471	769,485	815,132	815,132	815,132
5400	Purchase of Supplies	145,776	136,866	171,470	171,470	171,470
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	213,869	304,485	446,687	446,687	446,687
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$3,295,228	\$3,962,572	\$4,248,433	\$4,248,433	\$4,248,433
Department #301 NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT						
5600	Intergovernmental Payments (Middleton's Assessment)	189,110	136,973	161,152	161,152	161,152
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$189,110	\$136,973	\$161,152	\$161,152	\$161,152
Department #302 MASCONOMET SCHOOL DISTRICT						
5600	Intergovernmental Payments (Middleton's Assessment)	2,526,215	2,784,466	2,802,683	2,802,683	2,802,683
5900	Masconomet Building Debt Serv.	534,711	549,291	568,986	568,986	568,986
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$3,060,926	\$3,333,757	\$3,371,669	\$3,371,669	\$3,371,669
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		\$6,545,264	\$7,433,302	\$7,781,254	\$7,781,254	\$7,781,254
				Department	Selectmen	Finance Committee
FUNCTION 400: PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES						
Department #420 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	422,189	458,659	483,502	483,502	483,502
5200	Purchase of Services	87,450	87,950	90,700	90,700	90,700
5400	Purchase of Supplies	137,250	142,490	148,190	148,190	148,190
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	27,350	29,350	31,350	31,350	31,350
5800	Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$724,239	\$768,449	\$803,742	\$803,742	\$803,742
Department #425 TRANSFER STATION/SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0
5200	Purchase of Services	111,800	117,700	116,200	116,200	116,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies	7,000	7,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	13,500	28,475	30,500	30,500	30,500
5800	Capital Outlay					
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$132,300	\$153,175	\$155,700	\$155,700	\$155,700
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTION 400		\$856,539	\$921,624	\$959,442	\$959,442	\$959,442
FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES						
Department #511 BOARD OF HEALTH						
5100	Personal Services	62,717	64,885	66,939	66,939	66,939
5200	Purchase of Services	14,800	16,800	18,300	18,300	18,300
5400	Purchase of Supplies	900	900	900	900	900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,200	4,200	5,000	5,000	5,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$82,617	\$86,785	\$91,139	\$91,139	\$91,139

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NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES						
Department #541 COUNCIL ON AGING						
5100	Personal Services	52,244	56,926	71,248	71,248	71,248
5200	Purchase of Services	4,750	5,850	6,250	6,250	6,250
5400	Purchase of Supplies	2,120	2,120	2,120	2,120	2,120
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,200	4,200	4,700	4,700	4,700
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$64,814	\$70,596	\$85,818	\$85,818	\$85,818
Department #543 VETERAN'S AGENT						
5100	Personal Services	7,334	7,554	7,780	7,780	7,780
5200	Purchase of Services	105	105	105	105	105
5400	Purchase of Supplies	170	170	170	170	170
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$14,159	\$14,379	\$14,605	\$14,605	\$14,605
Department #545 TRI-TOWN COUNCIL						
5200	Purchase of Services	18,500	19,055	19,630	19,630	19,630
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$18,500	\$19,055	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
Department #546 HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN						
5200	Purchase of Services	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Department #548 MIDDLETON GARDEN CLUB						
5200	Purchase of Services	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Department #549 LOCAL CABLE BROADCASTS						
5200	Purchase of Services	2,650	2,750	2,833	2,833	2,833
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$2,650	\$2,750	\$2,833	\$2,833	\$2,833
Department #550 NORTH SHORE REGIONAL SERVICES CONSORTIUM						
5200	Purchase of Services	n.a.	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTION 500		\$186,040	\$201,465	\$222,025	\$222,025	\$222,025
FUNCTION 600: CULTURE & RECREATION						
Department #610 FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY						
5100	Personal Services	154,320	164,155	162,427	162,427	162,427
5200	Purchase of Services	15,500	18,200	26,720	26,720	26,720
5400	Purchase of Supplies	47,200	50,200	52,900	52,900	52,900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	700	700	700	700	700
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$219,220	\$234,755	\$244,247	\$244,247	\$244,247

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NUMBER		Approved FY 99	Approved FY 2000	Department Request FY 2001	Selectmen FY 2001 Recommend	Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommended
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 600: CULTURE & RECREATION						
Department #630 RECREATION COMMISSION						
5100	Personal Services	6,103	6,928	8,315	8,315	8,315
5200	Purchase of Services	7,050	8,505	9,500	9,500	9,500
5400	Purchase of Supplies	950	1,350	1,500	1,500	1,500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	5,025	8,150	8,950	8,950	8,950
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$19,128	\$24,933	\$28,265	\$28,265	\$28,265
Department #691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
5200	Purchase of Services	300	300	300	300	300
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
TOTAL CULTURE & REC. FUNCTION 600		\$238,648	\$259,988	\$272,812	\$272,812	\$272,812
FUNCTION 700: DEBT SERVICE						
Department #710 DEBT SERVICE						
5801	Principal	485,000	490,000	495,000	495,000	495,000
5915	Interest	408,790	380,914	356,932	356,932	356,932
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNCTION 700		893,790	870,914	851,932	851,932	851,932
FUNCTION UNCLASSIFIED						
Department: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
195	Town Report	13,000	13,500	14,000	14,000	14,000
196	Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
197	Xmas Lights	400	400	400	400	400
199	Street Lights	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
692	Memorial Day	3,100	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
911	Retirement	307,000	365,000	365,000	365,000	365,000
913	Unemployment	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
914	Sick Leave	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
914	Health Insurance	194,000	212,000	220,000	220,000	220,000
915	Group Insurance	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
916	Medicare Payroll Tax	26,000	27,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
945	Liability & Work Comp. Insurance	67,500	72,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		\$683,500	\$767,000	\$780,000	\$780,000	\$780,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET GENERAL FUND 01		\$11,661,537	\$12,920,670	\$13,465,019	\$13,465,019	\$13,465,019
FUNCTION 400: WATER SPECIAL REVENUE						
Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT						
Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT						
5100	Personal Services	36,430	41,245	49,054	49,054	49,054
5200	Purchase of Services	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,500	1,500
5400	Purchase of Supplies	20,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	600	600	600	600	600
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	0	0	0	0
5900	Debt Service	71,102	68,857	66,614	66,614	66,614
TOTAL WATER FUND 28 OPERATING BUDGET		\$130,632	\$134,952	\$140,768	\$140,768	\$140,768
GRAND TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND 01 & WATER FUND 28 BUDGETS		\$11,792,169	\$13,055,622	\$13,605,787	\$13,605,787	\$13,605,787

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 4 with the funds to be raised from the following sources:

\$13,340,337 from taxation
\$5,000 from the Ferncroft Fund
\$16,500 from North Shore Elder Services Grants/Fees
\$10,000 from Fire Alarm Fees
\$10,000 from the Ambulance Fund
\$165,000 from Water Receipts

for a total of \$13,596,837.

The Finance Committee's recommendation made the following changes from the printed Warrant: In the "Finance Committee FY 2001 Recommend" column On page 14 in the Conservation Commission's budget, line 5700 should read \$450 which makes the Department Total \$16,221 and the Total General Government on page 15 should be \$769,293. Also on page 21 the Total Operating Budget General Fund becomes \$13,456,519 and on page 22 the Grand Total of General Fund and Water Fund Budgets becomes \$13,597,287.

Selectman Nancy Jones made a motion that was seconded from the floor to amend the Public Works Department budget line 5100 Personal Services from \$475,002 to \$483,502. That would change the Department Total from \$795,242 to \$803,742. This change reflects the change made in the Personnel Plan. The increase is \$8500 which the Finance Committee recommended come from taxation The Total Operating Budget General Fund 01 would change from \$13,456,069 to \$13,465,019 and the Grand Total General Fund and Water Fund Budget from \$13,596,837 to \$13,605,787. The motion to amend carried.

The amended Article 4 was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Article 5: On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to re-certify the School Building Construction Budget to a total of \$52,105,344 by appropriating \$42,500 for the purchase of software, technology, furniture and equipment; and to see if such funds will be raised from FY 2001 Chapter 70 funds.

The Finance Committee recommended the article as written. The additional funding, by being included in the construction would be about 60% funded by the state of Massachusetts. The source of funding would be FY2000 Chapter 70 Funds. The voice vote to adopt Article 5 was unanimous.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II of the Agreement for the Establishment of the Masconomet Regional School District, as proposed by the Masconomet Regional District School Committee, by replacing Section II as follows:

SECTION II
TYPES OF REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

The regional district schools shall be a middle school consisting of grades 7 and 8, inclusive and a high school consisting of grades 9 through 12, inclusive."

or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommended the article as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 7: On petition of the Board of Selectmen at the request of two former Flint Public Library Trustees to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1998 approved January 14, 1999 which provides that former unpaid Library Trustees who are currently members of a retirement

system may before the time of their retirement buy back those years and receive credible service towards their retirement.

The Finance Committee explained that they could not recommend Article 7 because it benefits a small group of individuals and not the Town. It also puts an unknown financial burden on future taxpayers.

George Dow made a motion that the Town vote to accept Section 1 of Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1998 which amends Subdivision (1) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding paragraph (0½). The motion was seconded from the floor. Mr. Dow explained that currently only 2 individuals are eligible and that as best it can be determined this article would cost the Town \$1200 annually. After further discussion, a secret ballot was requested by at least 5 voters. The vote was Yes—52 and No—148. The motion did not carry.

Article 8: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 to rebuild and repair the body, and cab, and enclose the cab of Engine 1 (1986 Hahn pumper truck); and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article as written to enhance firefighter safety and increase the life of the vehicle for an additional 10 plus years. The funding source would be \$45,000 from taxation and \$37,000 from the Ambulance Fund. Chief Michalski spoke in favor, and the Meeting voted unanimously to make this appropriation.

Article 9: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purchase of:

- a. one semi-automatic defibrillator (\$3,500);
- b. home alert pagers (\$4,000);
- c. personal alert safety devices (\$5,000);
- d. a vehicle exhaust expulsion system for Squad 5 (\$8,500);

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 9 as written, and it was adopted unanimously.

Article 10: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to purchase a new stainless steel pumper with a four-door aluminum tilt cab and a 1500 gallons per minute)mid ship pump, with related equipment; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

Robert Porteous of the Finance Committee moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the purchase and equipping of a new stainless steel pumper with a four-door aluminum tilt cab and a 1,500 gallons per minute midship pump, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that an existing pumper be traded in or sold with the funds received to be returned to the General Fund, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow \$200,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Stabilization Fund. He requested that the vote be taken by a secret ballot and at least 4 other voters agreed.

The vote was Yes—126; No—76. The motion did not carry because a 2/3 majority was not achieved.

Article 11: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to replace the 1988 Wheeled Coach Ambulance; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 11 as written, explaining that this request to replace the 1988 ambulance is consistent with the Fire Department's 5-year Capital Budget. This purchase would be funded from the Ambulance Fund.

Chief Michalski spoke in favor of the article, and it was adopted unanimously.

Article 12: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,600 to purchase a new mobile radio and bullet proof vests; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this appropriation to add a radio to a police vehicle that doesn't have one and replaces outdated vests, thus increasing police officer safety. The funding source shall be from taxation. After Chief Armitage spoke in favor, Article 12 was adopted unanimously.

Article 13: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 to purchase an annual subscription to the Law Enforcement Television Network to be used for training and professional development of the officers of the department; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of the article as written to provide funding for a service intended to complement the annual criminal justice training with additional training tapes that can be viewed at the Police Station. Funding will be from the Overlay Reserve. The Meeting voted unanimously to fund this subscription.

Article 14: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to complete an architectural feasibility study to enlarge and relocate the dispatch area, and to determine how the existing police station can be cost-effectively renovated to meet the future space needs of the department; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 14 with the funds to be raised by taxation. Chief Armitage spoke in favor of the project, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 15: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to authorize the firearms license and permit revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, and to authorize the use of such fees for firearm permits issuance expenses, and the purchase of equipment and technology associated with the implementation of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998, or to take any other action thereto.

The Finance Committee recommended this article as written. It is an authorization rather than an appropriation. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 16: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to employ two additional Reserve Police Officers; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this appropriation as written with the funds to be raised by taxation. Chief Armitage spoke in favor of the article, and the Meeting adopted it unanimously.

Article 17: On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to employ two additional full time police officers; provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2½ referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended passage of Article 17 with the funds to be raised by taxation contingent on a Proposition 2½ override vote. Chief Armitage and Jack Leitner spoke in favor of the article, as did Jill Mann of the Finance Committee. Ms. Mann pointed out that only \$25,000 would actually be needed in FY 2001, and she made a motion to amend the amount down to \$25,000. The motion to amend carried unanimously, as did the amended main motion.

Article 18: On petition of the Town Clerk and Treasurer/Collector to see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 19K which provides that Town Clerks and Treasurer/Collectors who complete the necessary training and receive certification by their state associations be paid additional compensation of up to 10% of their regular salary or a maximum of \$1,000 per year for such certification, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the above purpose; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend Article 18. The motion to adopt it as written was made by Selectman Mary Jane Morrin and seconded by Town Accountant Robert Murphy. Selectmen Morrin and Jones spoke in favor of the article, as did John Erickson of the Finance Committee. The vote was taken by a showing of cards: Yes—76; No—56. The motion carried.

Article 19: On petition of the Inspector of Buildings to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to employ alternate and local inspectors according to 780 CMR of the Massachusetts State Building Code to assist the Inspector of Buildings during periods of increased building construction as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such funds to be raised from construction permit fees.

Adoption of Article 19 was recommended by the Finance Committee with the funds to come from building permit fees. Building Inspector Robert Aldenberg spoke in its favor, and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Article 20: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and the Sidewalk and Traffic Safety Study Committee to see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for sidewalk construction on Forest Street a distance of approximately 1000 feet from North Main Street to Old Forest Street; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this appropriation with the funds to come from Free Cash, and the motion carried.

Selectman Joseph Pascucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10th here at the N.S. Technical High School gymnasium. His motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of May 9, 2000

Adjourned to May 10, 2000

On Wednesday, May 10, 2000, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert announced that a quorum was present and called the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The Moderator recognized Frank FitzGerald, who moved reconsideration of Article 10. The motion was seconded from the floor. Mr. Tragert asked what were the circumstances that must apply to a motion to reconsider. Mr. FitzGerald said that he had previously voted against the fire truck. Robert Aldenberg of the Fire Department spoke in favor of reconsideration, as did George Nash and Jack Leitner.

The Moderator explained that customarily a motion to reconsider has to involve information that did not exist at the time the original motion was made and the original action was taken—something that transpired overnight, for example, something that had it occurred before the voters acted the first time might have affected their decision. Also the Moderator explained that he has to consider the fact that the complexion of the voting group here possibly is different than it was last night. In other words if we had the same number of people and the same identity of people here tonight, would they then have the opportunity to reconsider their vote. To have a lesser number or a different group is not a valid reason to support reconsideration. If the motion were to be declared permissible, it would require a 2/3 vote of the Meeting to reconsider the article. Reconsideration is extremely rare. The Moderator stated that his judgment was that there wasn't any information available tonight that wasn't in existence when this article was voted on Tuesday night. Also, he explained that he was looking at a much smaller group of voters present. In fairness to those who were here yesterday, he ruled that the motion to reconsider was not permissible.

Joseph Hocker made a motion to rescind the decision of the Chair. After consulting with Town Counsel, the Moderator suggested this was not a question of rescission but an appeal of the decision of the Chair. After such a motion is made and seconded, he explained, the Moderator has two choices: to allow the appeal, which then puts it to a vote of the Meeting, or to deny the appeal on the basis that the Moderator in this particular case has the final authority for the validity of his decision. He agreed to allow an appeal of his decision, stating that a vote to appeal requires a 2/3 vote.

Mr. Hocker made a motion to appeal the decision of the Chair, which was seconded from the floor. The vote to appeal was: Yes—39; No—77. The motion did not carry.

The remaining articles of the Annual Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

Article 21: On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,100 to purchase a new athletic field conditioner; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 21 with the funds to be taken from taxation. Mr. Twombly explained that this is a device that grooms the infields of the baseball fields and puts down the lines on the fields. Superintendent Hoffman spoke in favor of the article, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 22: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,107 to install drainage, widen, pave and otherwise improve any public ways in accordance with the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and such funds to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting voted unanimously to approve this annual appropriation and acceptance of state Chapter 90 funds to improve Town roads. Superintendent Hoffman explained that this year he plans to do a full-depth reclamation of East Street from Maple Street to Locust Street, a length of about 4500 feet.

Article 23: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700 to replace the Cemetery garage roof; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 23 as written to replace the 37-year old roof on the Cemetery garage roof as a part of our on-going maintenance plan for Town buildings. The funds would come from the Cemetery Endowment Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 24: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to purchase a Vibratory Compactor; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article as written to replace the 10-year old compactor, which is in need of extensive repairs, with funds to be raised by taxation. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 25: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to purchase two personal computers with printers; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article as written with the funding to come from the Water Surplus Fund, and the Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

Article 26: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to complete the expansion of the DPW Garage; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of Article 26 as written with the funds to be taken from the Water Surplus Fund. Mr. Twombly explained that this is the final phase of a project to enlarge the DPW garage. Superintendent Hoffman spoke in favor of the article and commended Building Inspector Aldenberg for initiating and overseeing the project. Mr. Aldenberg praised the efforts of the North Shore Technical High School students who laid over 5500 12-inch blocks in the first phase of this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 27: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to purchase a sander/plow for the 2000 International Dump Truck; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this appropriation to be made from Free Cash to equip the new dump truck. Superintendent Hoffman spoke in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 28: On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 to purchase a 15,000-lb. medium duty dump truck to be used together with the trade-in value of the department's existing Ford F-350 Truck, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article due to the mounting repair costs of the 1994 F-350 that we have. The funds would be taken from the Water Surplus Fund. Superintendent Hoffman spoke in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 29: On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept \$94,700 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 30: On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will authorize the appropriation of all income of the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners, for the expenses of the Department for the Fiscal Year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the excess to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund of said Department for the used as the Commissioners may direct hereto.

The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of Article 30, which allows the Light Department to use its income for the operation of the department. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 31: On petition of the Recreation Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for family entertainment activities and sporting events and transportation; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee moved and seconded the Article as written with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. Gary L'Abbe, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, explained that this is anticipated to be an on-going request, and that if accepted it would become part of the Commission's annual budget in future years. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 32: On petition of the Recreation Commission and the Superintendent of Public Works to appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for additional safety fencing at the baseball fields behind the Fuller Meadow School; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting voted unanimously to appropriate this sum from Free Cash.

Article 33: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the discontinuance of a portion of Gates Road and to approve the relocation of a portion of Evans Road as voted by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Sections 21-24, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing Discontinuance Of A Portion Of Gates Road And Relocation of A Portion of Evans Road, Scale 1"=40' dated July 28, 1999 and revised on April 4, 2000 by Goodwin Survey Co., Inc., 95 Liberty Street, Middleton, MA, John A. Goodwin, P.L.S." and that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town of Middleton, to effect such purposes; or to take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended adoption of the article as written. The motion was seconded from the floor. Steven Weitzler of the Planning Board gave a brief explanation that this is a land swap to solve the problem of a road going over a portion of a resident's septic system. Town Administrator Singer explained that the parcels being swapped are almost exactly the same size. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Article 34: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used together with a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation to replace the 1994 Council on Aging Van; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article as written with the source of funding to be Free Cash. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 35: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to re-build and renovate the basement of Old Town Hall for use as offices and to make other repairs to the building; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as a part of the Town's on-going effort to maintain its buildings and to increase the overall usefulness of this building. The source of funding would be Free Cash. Five voters requested a secret ballot. After Mary Jane Morrin, Robert Aldenberg, Gary L'Abbe, and Kosta Prentakis spoke in favor of the appropriation, the results of the balloting were: Yes—101; No—30. The motion carried.

Article 36: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to make exterior repairs to Memorial Hall including the installation of new siding and to continue replacement of exterior windows; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the article with the appropriation come from Free Cash. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 37: On petition of Anthony Duskey and more that ten registered voters to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to partially fund the operations of the Transfer Station and the costs of trash disposal for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand; provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation.

Purpose: Said appropriation will place sufficient funds in the budget to permit the Selectmen to vote to eliminate the annual \$80 per household sticker fee charged for the use of said Transfer Station. Therefore, the Selectmen have included a Proposition 2 ½ override vote to authorize the same amount of funds (\$100,000) to be taken from taxation. This question will also appear on the Town Election Ballot and must pass before the appropriation is in place to permit the Selectmen to vote to eliminate the Transfer Station sticker fee of \$80.00. See ballot question at end of this warrant.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article with the \$100,000 to be raised by taxation contingent upon a Proposition 21/2 override vote at the polls next Monday. Robert Porteous spoke in favor of the appropriation explaining that for a homeowner who pays \$3,000 in taxes this would add only \$30 and would eliminate the \$80 sticker fee. Sandy Masse stated that for those who pay a private hauler \$7/week this would not be a benefit. Selectman Mary Jane Morrin, longtime member and Chair of the Solid Waste Planning Committee, spoke against the article explaining that the costs of running the transfer station vary with the number of users and this amount would not be adequate if more households than in the past decided to use it, and that therefore is not a fiscally responsible proposal. Finance Committee member John Erickson also spoke against the article. The vote, taken by a showing of cards, was: Yes—60; No—66. The motion did not carry.

Article 38: On petition of Steven Anzalone and two thirds of the abutters of Cherry Street to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be used together with the amount of \$3,500 contributed by the abutters of Cherry Street for the paving of the private way known as Cherry Street under the provisions of the Private Way Improvement Bylaw of the Town of Middleton as adopted on May 10, 1988; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article as written. Selectman Nancy Jones spoke in favor explaining that the Selectmen encourage residents of private ways to use this mechanism to improve their streets. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 39: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Old Haswell Park Road as a Town Street from Boston Street a distance of 1725 feet to Station 17+25 as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan for Woodstone Estates by Hayes Engineers Inc. dated as revised on August 14, 1996" as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board for a recommendation. The Planning recommended passing over the article until a fall Town Meeting, as the language is incorrect.

Article 40: Article 40, a zoning article, was withdrawn.

Article 41: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton, dated October 29, 1965 and revised March 1984 and August 1996, in the following manner:

MIDDLETON SQUARE AREA (INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTES 114 AND 62)

To rezone from R-1a (residence, 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to B (Business, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land containing in all approximately 12.9 acres, plus or minus:

All of Lots 65, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 120, 122, 123, 127, 128, 134, 134A, 135B, 160, and 161 as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 25 as revised November 1, 1999.

All of Lot 94 as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 24 as revised July 1, 1999.

(The existing Business zone covers approximately 4.6 acres, plus or minus.)

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article for rezoning land in Middleton Square and deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended the article as written.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, gave a presentation explaining that the area under consideration is in Middleton Square. The yellow area in the top left hand corner of handout map 1 is the existing Business Zone; the pinkish color signifies the area that is to be added to that zone. He pointed out that the proposed area of change starts with Angelica's Restaurant at the intersection of Routes 62 and 114 and continues all the way down to Lake Street. On the other side of the street it would begin with the two house lots that are accessed from Route 114 directly opposite Angelica's and continuing past Tonelli's on the corner of North Main and Central Streets to the Yankee shop, the parking lot and a multi-family unit. It would also expand along Central Street, a little, and Maple Street. He explained that most of these lots are currently used for business purposes. By adopting this change it would make it easier for the existing businesses to renovate and expand to meet their needs. It would also allow the current residences to be used either as residences or businesses, so that when the

owners do go to sell their property they could offer them for both uses. And since most of the lots are already being used for business purposes, this would not represent a significant change.

After only one brief question, a voice vote was taken. Since it was not unanimous, a vote was then taken by a showing of cards, and the result was: Yes—113; No—7. The motion carried by more than the two-thirds margin required.

Article 42: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton, dated October 29, 1965 and revised March 1984 and August 1996, in the following manner:

FOUR CORNERS AREA (INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 62, GREGORY AND EAST STREETS)

To rezone from R-1b (Residence, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to B (Business, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land containing in all approximately .26 acres, plus or minus:

All of Lot 2 as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 19 revised July 1, 1998.

The existing Business zone covers approximately 10.3 acres, plus or minus.)

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article for the rezoning of the Four Corners area and deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended the article as written.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that this article has gone through many changes since it was first proposed. What it is down to now is the little sliver of pink on handout map 2. Lot 2 is the China Villa lot, which is currently split between the business and residential districts. This article will put the entire lot in the business zone. Nancy Jones, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, spoke in favor of the article and the pubic process by which it was refined to what is now just a housekeeping article.

Sandra Masi of Maple Street stated that it was her understanding that the Business zone extended down Gregory Street to the Electric Department property, which is not shown on the map. Mr. Prentakis explained that there was no intention to reduce the size of the Business District, and that if the map is incorrect, it should be corrected. This does not change the zoning of Ms Masse's property.

The vote taken by a showing of cards was: Yes—119; No—1. The motion carried by more than the two-thirds majority required.

Article 43: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton, dated October 29, 1965 and revised March 1984 and August 1996, in the following manner:

OPEN FIELDS BETWEEN AN EXISTING M-1 ZONE TO THE SOUTH ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET AND MOUNT VERNON AND KING STREETS (BORDERED BY OAKDALE CEMETERY AND THE IPSWICH RIVER ON THE EAST)

To rezone from R-1a (Residence, 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size to M-1 (Light Industry, 60,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land containing in all approximately 73.9 acres, plus or minus:

All of Lot 20, excepting an area between Lots 19 and 21 of the same Map, located on King Street, with a back boundary connecting a straight line between the southwest corner of Lot 19 and the south east corner of Lot 21, containing approximately 12,000 sq. ft., plus or minus as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 25 revised November 1, 1999.

All of Lots 186 and 187 as shown Middleton Assessor's Map number 29 revised July 1, 1999.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article for rezoning land along South Main Street and deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendation. The Planning Board recommended the article as written.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that this proposed change is shown on handout map 1 on the lower right side. The large pink area encompasses the Christian Anderson photography property and the adjacent open fields that are currently used for grazing. He explained that the question here is what we would like to see happen if and when the owner or a future owner decides to put this land to a different use. Since it is 20,000 square foot residential zoning currently, if it were to be developed for residential use, we could be seeing anywhere from 90 to over 100 houses here. That would put a tremendous strain on our municipal services. It would also mean that access to this parcel would have to be accommodated from Mount Vernon and King Streets and Pinedale Road. An M-1 Business zone could be accommodated with access solely from Route 114, and it would add a positive influence to our tax base. Mr. Prentakis also explained that residential setbacks would only be 15 feet from existing lot lines, whereas in an M-1 district the setback from a Residential district would be at least 35 feet. The site plan review process required in an M-1 zone could result in protection for the abutters.

After lengthy discussion, more than five voters requested a secret ballot. The count was 109 votes in favor of the article, and 21 opposed. The motion carried by more than the two-thirds margin required.

Article 44: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton, dated October 29, 1965 and revised March 1984 and August 1996, in the following manner:

BUSINESS DISTRICT ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH MAIN STREET NORTH OF DEBUSH AVENUE

To rezone from B-1a (Limited Business, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to M-1 (Light Industry, 60,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) all such lands immediately north of Debush Avenue and immediately east of North Main Street.

To rezone from R-1a (Residence, 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to M-1 (Light Industry, 60,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land: the portion of Lot 58 as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 17 revised November 1, 1999.

To rezone from R-1b (Residence, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to M-1 (Light Industry, 60,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land: the portion of Lot 58 as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 17 revised November 1, 1999.

The Finance Committee recommended the article for rezoning land on North Main Street and deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended adoption of the article.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that on handout map 4, the blue area is the current B-1A Business Zone and that zone is primarily intended for a shopping center. This zone was created many years ago before most of the present development along Route 114 had taken place. It is the Committee's position that more business development along this corridor would only add to congestion on Route 114. Plus, since it has not been developed for all these years, a change of use might spur some economic development.

At the same time, joining the lots colored pink and brown on handout map 4 to the M-1 zone would also enhance possible economic development. Additionally, lot 58 (brown) is now in three different zones, making any development very difficult. Also, in the Committee's opinion, Debush Avenue is not a residential street at the present time.

There being no questions or discussion, a voice vote was taken and Article 44 was adopted unanimously.

Article 45: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton, dated October 29, 1965 and revised March 1984 and August 1996, in the following manner:

M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRY) LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF RIVER STREET AND SOUTH MAIN STREET:

To rezone from R-1b (Residence, 40,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to M-1 (Light Industry, 60,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) the following land containing approximately 1.5 acres, plus or minus:

All of Lot 19F and that portion of Lot 19 described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southern right-of-way of River Street, 500 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the western right-of-way of South Main Street, and running southwesterly along said River Street right of way approximately 225 feet, plus or minus, to the most northerly corner of Lot 24 of the Middleton Assessor's Map Number 33, running thence southerly approximately 154 feet, plus or minus, to the most easterly corner of said Lot 24, and running thence also southerly another approximately 120 feet, plus or minus, to a point that is both 250 feet set back perpendicularly from the southern right of-way of River Street and 800 feet set back perpendicularly from the western right-of-way of South Main Street, running thence northwesterly approximately 302 feet, plus or minus, in a line exactly parallel and 250 feet from said southern right of way of River Street, to a point set back perpendicularly both from the western right-of-way of South Main Street 500 feet, and 250 feet from the southern right-of-way of River Street, running thence northerly 250 feet to the point of origin on the right-of-way of River Street as shown on Middleton Assessor's Map number 33 revised July 1, 1999.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article to rezone land at the southeast corner of River and South Main Streets from Residential to Light Industrial and deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended adoption of the article.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that the area to be rezoned by this article is the area in pink on handout map 4. Essentially this article squares off the M-1 District. Since this area is essentially surrounded by the M-1 District, the Study Committee felt it would be better in that district than in the residential district.

After a brief question and answer period, the Meeting adopted Article 45 by a unanimous voice vote.

Article 46: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Middleton, with amendments adopted by Town Meeting and approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General Through May 13, 1999, as follows:

To add Section 4.4.2.G.: M-1 Uses Allowed in Business District

Any uses allowed in accordance with Section 4.6.1 and 4.6.2 M-1 (Light Industry) shall also be allowed in the B (Business) District on South Main Street, south of its intersection with Meadow Drive, only.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article to allow light industry in the Business District on South Main Street, south of its intersection with Meadow Drive only, and deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendation. The Planning Board recommended adoption of the article.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that three years ago the Town adopted a zoning change that allowed business uses in the manufacturing district in the first 500 feet on the other side of the street. This proposed change would create a similar scene on this side of the street. The current zone extends from Meadow Drive down to the Pepperidge Farm building, and this change would allow either an M-1 use or a Business use in the 500 feet of depth that the zone covers.

After a brief question and answer period, the Meeting voted to adopt Article 46 unanimously.

The hour being 10:35 p.m., the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn the Meeting until Wednesday, May 11, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the same place. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried on a voice vote.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of May 9, 2000

Adjourned to May 11, 2000

On Thursday, May 11, 2000, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert announced that a quorum was present and called the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The remaining articles of the May 9, 2000, Annual Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

Article 47: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Middleton, with amendments adopted by Town Meeting and approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General through May 13, 1999 as follows:

To add Section 5.12 as follows:

Section 5.12: Development Schedule

The Town is facing limited capacity in its school system, water supply, roadways, storm water drainage facilities, recreational facilities, and fire and police protection services. Because of the Town's limited ability to increase school capacity, and similar limited ability to increase water supply, roadways, storm water drainage capacity, recreational and fire and police protection services and facilities, this development scheduling bylaw is hereby enacted to limit the rate of growth in the demand for such facilities and services. Section 5.12 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaws, containing said growth rate limits, shall be in effect for a ten (10) year period from the date of its enactment. During this period, study of the school needs, public water supply needs and other public services and facilities needs of the Town shall be undertaken, to determine whether the provisions contained on Section 5.12 should be continued.

Section 5.12.1: For ten (10) years, following enactment of Section 5.12 building permits for the construction of dwellings on lots held in common ownership shall not be granted at a rate per annum greater than permitted by the following schedule, commencing in the year such lots are separated or subdivided, or in the year this provision becomes effective, except if exempted in Section 5.12.4. Any lots covered by this provision hereafter sold or otherwise transferred to another owner shall include in the deed the earliest date on which construction may be commenced in accordance with these provisions.

Number of Dwelling Units in Subdivision	Dwelling Units Per Year
1-16	4 Units
17 and Over	25% of Total Proposed Units

The yearly schedule shall commence from the date of the Planning Board signing of the Definitive Subdivision Plan, or the granting of a Special Permit or Variance if applicable to the development.

All definitive Subdivisions, Special Permits and Variances shall include a proposed development schedule by the applicant.

Section 5.12.2: Any person, corporation or other legal entity that wholly owns more than one Subdivision that has received approval for its development schedules, may use its combined annual dwelling unit building permit authorizations in one of its developments. When such a transfer of scheduled rights occurs, the time period for the beginning and total duration of scheduled development in the project or projects, from which the transfer occurs, shall be delayed one calendar year from the time of transfer.

Section 5.12.3: All improvements including the paved base coat of roadways, street lights, utility installations, water lines, common wastewater disposal facilities, fire alarm pull boxes, if applicable, and drainage facilities, required in the Rules and Regulations Governing the

Subdivision of Land in Middleton, MA shall be completed to the full road frontage for any lot prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the building on such lot.

Section 5.12.4: Any Dwelling Units that are restricted by written and recorded agreement to occupants over age 54 are exempt from the provisions of Section 5.12

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article to regulate growth and deferred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board did not recommend adoption of Article 47. Beverly Popielski, of the Planning Board, read a statement at the request of Planning Board members David Leary, George Dow and Beverly Popielski who were the in the majority of the Planning Board's 3-2 vote on this recommendation. The statement outlined their reasons for objecting to this proposed change. Their reasons were:

1. Demand for housing or lack thereof will determine how fast a community grown. This can be seen in the decrease in the number of building permits issued in the past few years. An artificial limit is not needed.
2. If a developer is limited to 4 building permits per year, he is not going to complete the entire roadway. He will build the road for 4 houses, get that portion of the street accepted, and then bring heavy equipment over it for the next phase of building.
3. Land purchased as an investment for retirement will be devalued by the increased costs developers will be forced to incur as a result of this proposal.
4. By artificially limiting growth, the Town would also be limiting the incomes of those residents who work in the construction trades.
5. The Town would be forfeiting the benefits obtained from some of the recent larger subdivisions, such as sidewalks and water main extensions.

Steven Weitzler, member of the Planning Board and the Master Plan and Growth Study Committee presented the following reasons for endorsing this proposal:

1. In the past 8-9 years that we have been allowing the market to determine our rate of growth, we have gone from one school to two schools and to a new addition to one of those schools and the recent school space needs report indicates the need for further expansion soon. Recent years' warrant articles for increased manpower and equipment in the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments are also the result of market-controlled growth. Also the Planning Board has before it plans totaling 84 new houses, 71 of which are in subdivisions. This does not even include the two proposed towers at Ferncroft or the 13 new unite on North Main St.
2. If developers seek acceptance of a portion of a new road and subsequently damage it with heavy equipment, they would have to bear the cost of repairs. They have the ability to pass these costs along by increasing the price of the homes they sell.
3. The laws of supply and demand indicate that with this proposed bylaw in effect that property values could in fact increase. For example, this past year when there was less home heating fuel, the price went up. The Study Committee's public hearings have indicated that many retirees are concerned about the increasing tax rate, and the Committee believes that these peoples concerns should be taken into account.
4. The many people in the construction trades are not limited to doing business in Middleton. These people realize that in order for their businesses to grow, they need to spread their business out over a wider geographic area.
5. Those in the construction trades and all of us need to realize that the quality of our schools is the single biggest determinant of property values. If we grow faster than the rate at which our schools can keep pace and we have to resort to measures like portable classrooms, property values will be depressed.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee also spoke in favor of this article, as did many others. After considerable debate pro and con, a vote was taken by secret ballot, and the result was: Yes: 107; No: 29. The two-thirds majority was obtained, and Article 47 was adopted.

Article 48: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Middleton, with amendments adopted by Town Meeting and approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General through May 13, 1999 as follows:

To add Section 8.7 as follows:

Section 8.7: Residential Density Bonuses for Including Senior Housing and/or a Senior Center in a Development.

Section 8.7.1: In any zoning district that permits residential use, a bonus of 10% above the level of allowed dwelling units would be permitted if the developer of the dwelling units restricts sale and occupancy of the units to persons over age 54. The restriction must be made by use of a restrictive covenant on the property deed, and recorded as such at the Essex County Registry of Deeds. A development must include at least 10 dwelling units to qualify for this bonus. An additional bonus unit will be permitted for each additional 5-10 units permitted in any zoning district that permits residences. Individual building lots containing one dwelling unit per lot, may be proportionately smaller than normally required, but not less than 80% than otherwise required, to allow for the overall applicable residential density bonus.

Section 8.7.2: In any zoning district that permits residential use, a bonus of 10% above the level of allowed dwelling units may be permitted if the developer of the dwelling units includes a senior center of at least 3,000 sq. ft. on the ground floor. The senior center must be fully enclosed, weather-tight, insulated, and include full heating, air conditioning, and plumbing and electrical facilities. It must include an office, a kitchen, 2 lavatories equipped for disabled persons, and two or more large meeting/activity rooms, in addition to ample paved parking, twice the number of handicapped parking spaces normally required, and access drives. A developer will receive both bonuses, amounting to 20% more dwelling units than those normally allowed, if both an age restricted development and senior center are included in a development.

Section 8.7.3: Development under Section 8.7.1 and Section 8.7.2 above shall be subject to issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board. If either age restricted residential development, under provisions of Section 8.7.1, or a senior center, under provisions of Section 8.7.2 are created, the Planning Board shall review all plans and may only recommend issuance of a special permit if it is satisfied that proper consideration has been given to the safety, convenience, appearance and functioning of each development, including the provision of ample parking, drives, walkways, landscaping and all requirements of Section 8.1. If the Planning Board recommends denial of a special permit under Section 8.7.3, it must give written reasons for denial to the applicant within 30 days of its denial.

Section 8.7.4: A senior center produced under the bonus provisions of Section 8.7.2 must be made available, in an equitable manner, to all residents of Middleton over age 54.

Section 8.7.5: Plans submitted in support of an application for a special permit under Section 8.7 must clearly show provisions for water supply, wastewater disposal, parking, surface water drainage and disposal, vehicle and pedestrian circulation, landscaping, management, maintenance and equitable use of a senior center, if included, and all requirements of Section 8.1.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article providing the incentive of a density bonus for senior housing and deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendation. The Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 48.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee, explained that this proposed bylaw would not force anyone to do anything, it would simply be an incentive for developers to provide senior housing. There are two reasons to do this. One is the general aging of the population both in the country and the community. The other is that this type of development demands less in town services than traditional subdivisions.

Article 48 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Article 49: On petition of the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to create a Master Plan Committee as follows:

Appointing Authority: Town Moderator
Committee Size: Nine official members with the Town Administrator serving as an ex-officio member
Duration: Five years unless extended by Town Meeting.
Terms: The Chairman shall be appointed for a five-year term. The other members shall be appointed for three year terms except that initially three members shall be appointed for three year terms, three member for two year terms, and two members for one-year terms.

Purpose: The Committee will be responsible for:

- 1. monitoring and facilitating the successful completion and implementation of the objectives of the Master Plan approved on November 16, 1999;*
- 2. reporting annually to Town Meeting on the continued validity of the planning assumption underlying the Master Plan;*
- 3. recommending adjustments to the Master Plan if warranted by new information, changing conditions and town objectives.*

and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for secretarial and administrative services and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

John Erickson for the Finance Committee recommended Article 49 as written, saying that this is a very necessary step to monitor the growth of the Town and the expenses that increase so rapidly with that growth. He specified that the funding source would be taxation. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 50: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee to see if the Town will vote to borrow or raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000,000 in order to purchase land and or interests in land for any municipal, conservation, and open space purposes pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, and Chapter 40, Section 8C. **Said appropriation shall be restricted as follows: the Board of Selectmen may acquire such land or interests in land as may be approved by a vote of the Selectmen and a majority vote of an annual or special town meeting, provided further that the Selectmen shall be required to submit an annual report to the town (printed in the Annual Town Report) detailing all transactions and activity in the account during the previous year, and that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town of Middleton, to effect such purposes; or to take any other action thereon, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C.**

The Finance Committee did not recommend the passage of this article as written. Their objection, as explained by Tony Pascuccio, was not to the concept of acquiring open space land. Rather, they object because if adopted by the Meeting and then at the polls, this article will take away the right to vote on a Proposition 2 ½ override at the polls at some time in the future when a particular piece of property is targeted.

Selectman Nancy Jones made a motion that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of land or interests in land for any lawful purpose, from time to time, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter

44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; provided, however, that (i) no land or interest in land shall be acquired with funds authorized by this vote unless any such acquisition is first approved by a vote of the Selectmen and by a majority vote of the Town at a regular or special town meeting; (ii) the Selectmen shall submit an annual report to the Town (which shall be printed as part of the Annual Town Report) detailing all transactions and activity arising under this article during the previous year and (iii) the Selectmen are hereby authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town, to effect the purposes of this vote; and provided, further, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted at a regular or special election to exempt the amounts required to pay for any bonds or notes authorized hereunder from the property tax limitations imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½).

Selectman Mary Jane Morin seconded the motion, and the Finance Committee specified that the funding source would be by borrowing. Kosta Prentakis spoke in favor stating that Article 50 and Question 1 that goes along with it would have no immediate financial impact. The financial impact only occurs when the Town Meeting authorizes the purchase of a specific parcel for a specific price. Money from this authorization could be used to meet many different Town needs: land for future school expansion, land for additional recreational facilities, land for a senior center, acquisition of Conservation easements, acquisition of land to prevent development. He compared this proposal to obtaining pre-approval on a mortgage. By adopting this article we would be indicating our ability to buy land and to close quickly when the right parcel for the right price is on the market. This pre-approval is free and is a device that towns Boxford and Ipswich have already adopted.

Nancy Jones and Mary Jane Morrin also spoke in favor of Article 50, as did Eugene LeBlanc. Robert Porteous spoke in favor of retaining the "safety valve" of requiring a vote at the polls when the specifics of the expenditure are known, as did Tony Pascuccio. John Erickson spoke in favor of giving up the right to vote at the polls at some future date in this instance, because the good that this authorization will do outweighs that loss.

After further questions and answers and discussion, a vote was taken by a showing of cards, and the results were: Yes—91; No—30. The necessary 2/3 has been attained. The motion carried.

Article 51: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,700 for the purchase of:

- a. interior painting of classrooms (\$10,000);
- b. replacement carpeting in four classrooms(\$13,500);
- c. window screen replacement at the Howe-Manning School \$2,500);
- d. playground repairs, courtyard improvements and floor care equipment replacement(\$9,500);
- e. a security system at the Howe-Manning School (\$3,200);

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this appropriation, with the funding source to be the Overlay Reserve Fund. Joel Shamon for the Elementary School Committee spoke in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 52: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to conduct a heating system engineering analysis to determine the scope of renovations required to repair the heating system at the Howe-Manning School; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 52, with the funding source to be the Overlay Reserve Fund. Gimmie Valacer of the School Committee spoke in favor of this evaluation, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 53: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to remove and replace the leaking boiler condensate return line at the Howe-Manning School; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended passage of the article as written. Gimmie Valacer spoke in favor, and the Meeting adopted Article 53 unanimously.

Article 54: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 for the purchase of classroom furniture, instructional equipment, and replacement of copier equipment for the Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning Schools; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Ellen Weitzler of the School Committee, the Meeting voted to adopt Article 54 unanimously.

Article 55: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,200 to add a Curriculum Coordinator (Salary \$55,500 includes benefits) and to expand custodial services at the Howe-Manning School through the allocation of additional custodial hours that will increase the full time equivalent staffing level from 1.75 to 2.375. (Salary \$31,700 includes benefits); and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

John Erickson for the Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written, with the appropriation to be raised by taxation. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator recognized Senator Bruce Tarr who spoke briefly.

Article 56: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to purchase approximately 15,000 square feet of land at 12 Lake Street being a portion of lot 3 as shown on Plan #194 of the Plans of 1969 in Essex South Registry of Deeds. This parcel abuts the Fire Department's land and is to be used for additional parking for the fire station and library, and for providing additional space for fire apparatus turning movements, and for other municipal purposes; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed for such land and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the article as written, with the \$75,000 to come from Free Cash. After considerable discussion of the pros and cons of this purchase and its price, Kosta Prentakis made a motion to amend Article 56 by adding:

Said purchase to be contingent upon the town receiving all necessary approvals from any and all Town Boards including the expiration of appeal periods from said approvals for permission to use said property for 10 parking spaces and turn-around for fire apparatus.

John Erickson seconded the motion and it carried by a majority vote. When the vote was taken on the amended main motion, however, the motion did not carry.

Article 57: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for a School Space Needs Feasibility Study with the following scope of work; develop a more refined enrollment study, provide a more detailed assessment of local educational space needs, provide an assessment of the condition and estimated life of the two school buildings particularly for the Howe-Manning School, and investigate options for future space, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the appropriation of \$20,000 for a School Space Needs Study with the money to be taken from Free Cash. Ellen Weitzler and John Erickson spoke in favor of the study, and the motion carried unanimously.

Article 58: On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to purchase new curriculum materials in reading, mathematics, social studies and science at the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 58 as written with \$35,000 to be taken from the Overlay Reserve Fund and \$35,000 from Free Cash. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 59: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the Fiscal Year 2001 Tax Rate.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$150,000 be transferred from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the Fiscal Year 2001 Tax Rate, and the Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

Article 60: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Town appropriate \$150,000 to the Stabilization Fund from Free Cash, and the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded from the floor, and unanimously voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting convened on May 9, 2000.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, May 15, 2000

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 p.m. There were 4008 registered voters at the close of registration before the election, and 769 ballots were cast (a 19% turnout). The results were as follows:

Moderator

Henry A. Tragert	599
All Others	4
Blanks	166

Selectman

Nancy M. Jones	441
William R. Mugford	422
Steven Weitzler	405
Kosta Prentakis	11
All Others	3
Blanks	256

Assessor

Deborah J. Carbone	590
All Others	1
Blanks	178

Elementary School Committee

Maria F. Pasciuto	522
Gimmie Sue Valacer	7
All Others	18
Blanks	991

Regional School Committee

For Three Years	
All Others	25
Blanks	1513

Regional School Committee

For Two Years	
Betsy L. McGinnity	517
All Others	2
Blanks	250

Electric Light Commissioner

Richard W. Kassiotis	502
Frank W. Twiss	577
All Others	3
Blanks	456

Planning Board

David T. Leary, Sr.	547
All Others	4
Blanks	218

Trustee of the Flint Public Library

Lois Lane Gianni	563
Brenda J. Kirwan	543
All Others	4
Blanks	428

Housing Authority

For Five Years	
Faith Anderson Stone	568
Blanks	201

Housing Authority

For Two Years	
Linda M. Levesque	557
Blanks	212

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase land or interests in land for any municipal, conservation, and open space purpose pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, and Chapter 40, Section 8C?

YES	312
NO	419
Blanks	38

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding two additional full time police officers for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand?

YES	352
NO	402
Blanks	15

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of partially funding the operating expenses of the Town's Transfer Station and trash disposal costs for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand?

YES	223
NO	520
Blanks	26

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three-year overlapping terms. The Town Clerk is a Registrar by virtue of her office. The duties of the Registrars include the following:

- ◆ Register new voters
- ◆ Certify absentee ballot applications
- ◆ Certify nomination papers and petitions
- ◆ Conduct election recounts
- ◆ Maintain and update the list of registered voters
- ◆ Prepare the annual census

The Board holds a special registration session before each election and town meeting. In addition to the special sessions, any resident of the Town may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mail-in registration is also possible. Forms are available at the Post Office and Library or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 978-774-6927.

As of January 1, 2000, the Board found the number of residents to be 6717, which is an increase of 50 residents since January 1, 1999. The 2000 Federal census, which was done as of April 1, 2000, and includes the jail population, found the number of residents to be 7744.

As of June 30, 2000, the number of registered voters and their party enrollment is as follows:

Democrats	842
Republican	534
Unenrolled	2400
Interdependent 3 rd Party	4
Libertarian	26
Rainbow Coalition	1
Reform	4
Total	3811

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hocter, Chairperson
Nancy Karolides
James Hannon
Sarah George (Ex Officio)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS



The Assessors office has had many changes in Fiscal Year 2000. The tax rate for FY '00 was \$15.14 per thousand dollars of value for all classes of property. Because of the revaluation performed in FY '99, the value of the town did not change.

The conversion to the Patriot Properties Assessing and Valuation System was successfully completed this year. This new software has allowed us to perform the interim year adjustment for FY '01 in record time. The conversion of the Personal Property files into the Patriot System will be complete for FY '01. Also, a new counter terminal is now operational for use by our taxpayers and the general public.

This year, Shirley Cashman, our clerk of eight years, left Middleton to pursue an opportunity with another municipality. She will be missed. Bradford W. Swanson has replaced Christopher Bova in the position of Assistant Assessor, and a new position was created this year for an Administrative Assessor, which was filled by Jenifer Kraus, formerly of Patriot Properties. Nancy Titus continues as our part-time clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Assessors:

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman
Deborah Carbone
Patricia Ohlson

Assistant Assessor:

Bradford W. Swanson

Administrative Assessor:

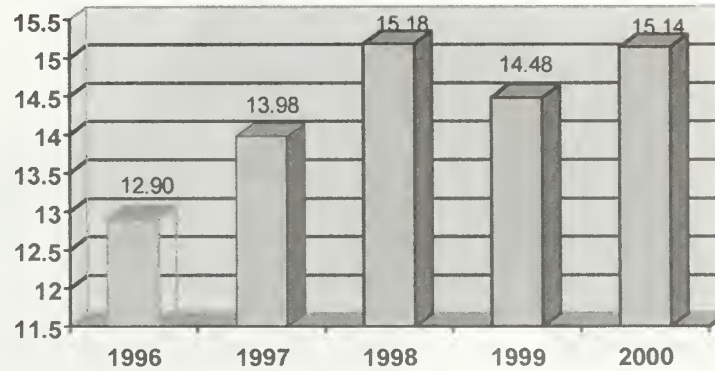
Jenifer Kraus

Part-Time Clerk:

Nancy Titus

Following is a five-year recap of tax-related information and a summary by class of the Fiscal Year 2000 valuation and tax levy.

Tax Rates for the past five Fiscal Years



Value and Percentage by Class			
Class	Value	Percent	Tax Dollars
Residential	\$ 510,647,683	77%	\$ 7,731,206
Commercial	\$ 107,787,274	16%	\$ 1,631,899
Industrial	\$ 32,118,893	5%	\$ 486,280
Personal Property	\$ 12,431,485	2%	\$ 188,213
Total	\$ 662,985,335	100%	\$ 10,037,598

Percent By Class





CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

The auction of Town Owned Lands was held on June 14, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fuller Meadow School in the Nathan Media Center. Seven (7) properties were placed for sale. Prior to the sale, some lots were combined when it made sense to enlarge the parcels for sale. Ultimately, four (4) parcels were sold for a total of \$69,300. These properties will now be taxable properties. The assistance of the Conservation Commission and our tax attorney was very helpful in this process.

My objective for next fiscal year is to continue to convert all foreclosed properties that are not needed for Town or conservation purposes into taxable properties.

If any resident has questions regarding Town land, I can be reached at 777-4966.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING 6/30/00

GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE #22-25	WATER SP REV #28	CAPITAL #30	ENTERPRISE #62	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #82	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #84	STABILIZATION #85	AGENCY FUNDS #89	LONG TERM DEBT #97	CONSERVATION LAND TRUST #98	TOTALS
ASSETS:											
CASH	8,026,588										8,026,588
PETTY CASH	275										275
POOLED CASH	(2,143,118)	909,748	5,180	548,894	5,380	25,178	(125,000)	34,134			5,388,610
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	(502,509)										(502,509)
LESS: ALLOW FOR ABATEMENTS	4,888,101										4,888,101
NET REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	782,055										782,055
TAX TITLE	148,952										148,952
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	9,978										9,978
OTHER RECEIVABLES		136,700		58,648							195,348
FIXED ASSETS				6,482,164							6,482,164
INVESTMENTS		206,304		5,722,473	188,273	219,478	391,484		7,512,875	98,903	8,828,915
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED											
DUE TO/FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		107,857						250,022			357,887
BID BOND CASH											
TOTAL ASSETS	9,690,831	1,190,285	5,180	12,812,180	193,853	244,656	266,484	284,156	7,512,875	98,903	33,208,931

LIABILITIES:											
BONDS PAYABLE				900,000							900,000
DEPOSITS											
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	(19,875)	820		1,934				284,156			(16,921)
BONDS AND GUARANTEES											
DEFERRED REVENUE											
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,888,101										4,888,101
TAX TITLE	782,055										782,055
MOTOR VEHICLES	148,952										148,952
UTILITIES & AMBULANCE	9,978			58,648							68,627
DEFERRED REVENUE OTHER		136,700									136,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,785,411	820	0	960,583	0	0	0	284,156	7,512,875	0	14,680,545

FUND EQUITY:											
RESERVED FUND BALANCES	673,400	43,790								98,903	816,093
UNRESERVED FUND BAL - SURPLUS	2,387,866	865,138	5,180	11,651,597	193,853	244,656	266,484				16,868,169
PETTY CASH	375										375
RETAINED EARNINGS											
ENCUMBRANCES	843,749										843,749
TOTAL EQUITY	3,905,420	1,053,585	5,180	11,851,597	193,853	244,656	266,484	0	0	98,903	18,528,386

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	9,890,831	1,190,285	5,180	12,812,180	193,853	244,656	266,484	284,156	7,512,875	98,903	33,208,931
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2000

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100		100	
114	TOWN MODERATOR		100		100	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES 1		190,415	-70,771	114,537	5,107
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		17,150	10,500	16,816	10,834
5400	SUPPLIES		1,800		1,794	6
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		34,500		31,088	3,412
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		131,213		93,211	38,002
122	SELECTMEN		375,078	-60,271	257,446	57,361
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,376		1,193	183
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		115			115
5400	SUPPLIES		100			100
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		40,150	-34,808	135	5,207
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		41,741	-34,808	1,328	5,605
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		59,677	2,975	62,472	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,345	276	1,725	896
5400	SUPPLIES		309		208	101
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		1,895		573	1,322
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT		64,226	3,251	64,978	2,499
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		74,524		68,544	5,980
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		26,860	10,453	18,340	18,973
5400	SUPPLIES		1,550		20	1,530
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,000	4,575	6,251	2,324
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		17,031		16,751	280
141	ASSESSORS		123,965	15,028	109,906	29,087
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		102,235	2,721	99,885	5,071
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		14,900		11,040	3,860
5400	SUPPLIES		3,400		2,269	1,131
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		27,125		2,918	24,207
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,372		449	923
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR		149,032	2,721	116,561	35,192
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,500		1,500	
146	CUST. OF TOWN LANDS		1,500		1,500	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		10,000	13,000	21,915	1,085
151	TOWN COUNSEL		10,000	13,000	21,915	1,085
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,032		704	328
152	PERSONNEL BOARD		1,032		704	328
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		53,706	3,136	56,730	112
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,270	1,180	2,583	867
5400	SUPPLIES		850		846	4
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		400		397	3
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,500	1,135	463	2,172
161	TOWN CLERK		58,726	5,451	61,019	3,158
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,960	616	7,625	-49
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		3,400		1,751	1,649
5400	SUPPLIES		450		438	12
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
162	ELECTIONS		10,810	616	9,814	1,612
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		15,662	13	14,790	885
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		900		885	15
5400	SUPPLIES		300		260	40
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		450		335	115
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		20,000			20,000
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		37,312	13	16,270	1,055

1 INCLUDES CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS OF \$80,000.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		13,099		13,099	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,600		2,320	280
5400	SUPPLIES		500		499	1
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		915		778	137
175	PLANNING BOARD		17,114		16,696	418
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		10,351		10,963	-612
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		3,400		2,450	950
5400	SUPPLIES		200		198	2
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		60		35	25
176	BOARD OF APPEALS		14,011		13,646	365
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100			100
181	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		4,650		4,648	2
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		32,150		31,072	1,078
5400	SUPPLIES		6,100		6,126	-26
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		600		567	33
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		25,000		370	24,630
192	TOWN BUILDING		68,500		42,783	25,717
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		13,500		13,500	
195	TOWN REPORT		13,500		13,500	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		11,000		8,860	2,140
196	AUDIT		11,000		8,860	2,140
5400	SUPPLIES		400		400	
197	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		400		400	
5400	SUPPLIES		50,000		43,080	6,920
199	STREET LIGHTS		50,000		43,080	6,920
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION					
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,048,147	-54,999	800,506	172,642
PUBLIC SAFETY						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		658,291	49,266	655,960	51,597
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		12,415	1,763	13,492	686
5400	SUPPLIES		3,100		3,070	30
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		17,285	1,387	18,500	172
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		71,400	2,976	59,300	15,076
210	POLICE		762,491	55,392	750,322	67,561
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		713,682	31,119	707,485	37,316
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		30,100		29,578	522
5400	SUPPLIES		9,400	1,259	10,500	159
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		5,300		5,283	17
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		313,000	42,119	209,853	145,266
220	FIRE		1,071,482	74,497	962,699	183,280
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		99,293		99,211	82
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		3,300		2,746	554
5400	SUPPLIES		7,150		7,135	15
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		1,500		1,500	
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR		111,243		110,592	651
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100			100
291	CIVIL DEFENSE		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		12,235	367	12,602	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,480		2,500	1,980
5400	SUPPLIES		725		548	177
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		2,000		2,524	-524
292	ANIMAL CONTROL		19,440	367	18,174	1,633
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100		100	
296	CONSTABLE		100		100	
200	PUBLIC SAFETY		1,964,856	130,256	1,841,887	253,225

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
EDUCATION						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE					
5200	EXPENSES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5700	TRAVEL					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
	ARTICLES	67,182		-5,745	61,437	
	ENCUMBERED SALARIES			147,259	203,980	-56,721
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	11,540		17,515	28,990	65
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	28,926			29,780	-854
	EXPENSES	18,627		12,500	30,679	448
	PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	298,057		30,763	310,030	18,790
	TRANSPORTATION	223,311		26,843	234,411	15,743
	INSURANCE	264,891			264,775	116
	SALARIES AND EXPENSES	116,058			111,745	4,313
310/311	ADMINISTRATION	1,028,592		229,135	1,275,827	-18,100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,176,408		16,480	1,088,035	104,853
5200	EXPENSES	44,818			41,764	3,054
5400	SUPPLIES	83,684		6,625	88,174	2,135
5700	TRAVEL	800			723	77
312	HOWE-MANNING SCHOOL	1,305,710		23,105	1,218,696	110,119
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,441,209		13,914	1,362,163	
5200	EXPENSES	37,934			39,367	
5400	SUPPLIES	101,559		6,625	100,227	
5700	TRAVEL	1,000			1,017	
313	FULLER MEADOW SCHOOL	1,581,702		20,539	1,502,774	99,467
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	3,470,730			3,465,290	5,440
302	MASCONOMET & N S VOKE	3,470,730			3,465,290	5,440
300	EDUCATION		7,386,734	272,779	7,462,587	196,926

PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	463,892		16,304	440,542	39,654
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	87,950			62,001	25,949
5400	SUPPLIES	142,500			139,532	2,968
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	29,350			28,639	711
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	159,000		205,375	217,486	146,889
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION	882,692		221,679	888,200	216,171
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	117,700			114,530	3,170
5400	SUPPLIES	7,000			7,834	-834
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	35,475			26,095	9,380
425	TRANSFER STATION/ SOLID WASTE	160,175			148,459	11,716
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACIL.		1,042,867	221,679	1,036,659	227,887

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
HUMAN SERVICES						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		62,928	2,722	61,167	4,483
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		16,800		10,366	6,434
5400	SUPPLIES		900		553	347
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,200		3,874	326
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH		84,828	2,722	75,960	11,590
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		55,694	2,108	57,802	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		5,850	1,400	7,348	-98
5400	SUPPLIES		2,120		2,365	-245
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,200	594	4,079	715
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,500		1,057	443
541	COUNCIL ON AGING		69,364	4,102	72,651	815
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,334	220	7,554	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		105			105
5400	SUPPLIES		170			170
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,550			6,550
543	VETERANS AGENT		14,159	220	7,554	6,825
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		19,055		19,055	
545	SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING		19,055		19,055	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,000		2,000	
546	ABUSED WOMEN		2,000		2,000	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,900		1,900	
548	GARDEN CLUB		1,900		1,900	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,750		1,750	1,000
549	LOCAL CABLE		2,750		1,750	1,000
500	HUMAN SERVICES		194,056	7,044	180,870	20,230
CULTURE & RECREATION						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		160,992	8,763	151,638	18,117
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		18,200	2,965	20,495	670
5400	SUPPLIES		50,200	2,161	50,192	2,169
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		700		692	8
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		35,000	7,003	41,900	103
610	LIBRARY		265,092	20,892	264,917	21,067
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,928		6,691	237
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		8,505	600	8,486	619
5400	SUPPLIES		1,350		1,341	9
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		8,150		7,191	959
630	RECREATION COMMISSION		24,933	600	23,709	1,824
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,500	2,075	2,072	4,503
692	MEMORIAL DAY		4,500	2,075	2,072	4,503
600	CULTURE & RECREATION		294,525	23,567	290,698	27,394
DEBT SERVICE						
5900	DEBT SERVICE		490,000		490,000	
710	DEBT SERVICE		490,000		490,000	
5900	DEBT SERVICE				-13,073	13,073
750	INTEREST		380,914		375,180	5,734
700	DEBT SERVICE TOTALS		870,914		865,180	5,734

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL						
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL		144,926		144,926	
820	STATE ASSESS. & CHARGES		144,926		144,926	
800	INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES		144,926		144,926	
MISCELLANEOUS						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		365,000		312,420	52,580
911	RETIREMENT		365,000		312,420	52,580
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		7,000		5,520	1,480
913	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,000		5,520	1,480
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		213,000		178,844	34,156
914	HEALTH INSURANCE		213,000		178,844	34,156
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		3,600		2,392	1,208
915	LIFE INSURANCE		3,600		2,392	1,208
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		27,000		26,060	940
916	MEDICARE/DEP TAX		27,000		26,060	940
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		72,000	25,000	57,090	39,910
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE		72,000	25,000	57,090	39,910
900	MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL		687,600	25,000	582,326	130,274
REFUNDS						
1220	REAL ESTATE TAXES				31,658	-31,658
1260	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				4,138	-4,138
971	TAX REFUNDS				35,796	-35,796
970	REFUNDS TOTAL				35,796	-35,796
2100	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS				3,298,594	-3,298,594
981	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING TURNOVERS				3,298,594	-3,298,594
980	BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				3,298,594	-3,298,594
1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL		13,634,625	625,326	16,540,029	-2,280,078

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
REVOLVING FUNDS						
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
221	FIRE ALARM INSTALLATIONS				18,953	
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				18,953	
4270	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES				3,527	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
301	SCHOOL REVOLVING				3,527	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				30,074	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				898	
5400	SUPPLIES				8,329	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				1,417	
308	HOWE-MANNING CHILD CARE				40,718	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				84,102	
5400	SUPPLIES				1,857	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				212	
306	PRESCHOOL PROGRAM				86,171	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				74,486	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				120	
5400	SUPPLIES				67,787	
303	SCHOOL LUNCH				142,393	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,414	
5400	SUPPLIES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
309	KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES				1,414	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				101	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				203	
5400	SUPPLIES				4,543	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				617	
308	HOWE-MANNING SCH ACTIVITY				5,464	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				10,695	
5400	SUPPLIES				165	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
	HOWE-MANNING MUSIC				10,860	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				9,846	
5400	SUPPLIES				-250	
310	SUMMER PROGRAMS				9,596	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES				248	
	FULLER MEADOW SCH ACITVITY				248	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES				9,690	
	SCH NATURES CLASSROOM				9,690	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				950	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				1,151	
5400	SUPPLIES				6,302	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				6,995	
312	AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT				15,398	
300	EDUCATION				295,085	
22	REVOLVING FUNDS TOTAL				314,038	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
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SCHOOL GRANTS

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,000	
	PROF. DEVELOPMENT				1,000	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				54,748	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				2,465	
5400	SUPPLIES				300	
	PL 94-142				57,513	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				36,050	
5400	SUPPLIES				913	
	TITLE 1 LOW INCOME				36,963	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				10,236	
5400	SUPPLIES				731	
	CH 188 EARLY CHILDHD GRANT				10,967	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,143	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				8,568	
	GOV. ALLIANCE AGNT DRUGS				9,711	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				3,027	
	MATH IN SERVICE TRAINING				3,027	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,173	
	FOUNDATION GRANT (POT HOLE)				1,173	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				9,626	
	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				9,626	
300	EDUCATION				129,980	

24	SCHOOL GRANTS TOTAL				129,980	
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OTHER GRANTS

5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				2,074	
	PEG PROGRAMMING				2,074	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				5,209	
	FEDERAL HOUSING				5,209	
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				7,283	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				8,673	
	D.A.R.E.				8,673	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				5,704	
	POLICE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT				5,704	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				21,101	
	COMMUNITY POLICING				21,101	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				4,525	
	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN				4,525	
5400	SUPPLIES				410	
	FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY				410	
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				40,413	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,407	
5400	SUPPLIES				39	
	MASS ARTS LOTTERY				3,446	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				440	
	TITLE V				440	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				219,796	
	CHAPTER 90				219,796	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				2,975	
	HURRICANE BOB				2,975	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				3,667	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				1,080	
5400	SUPPLIES				291	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				90	
	COA FORMULA GRANT				5,128	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5400	SUPPLIES				323	
	LIBRARY HOMEWORK				323	
	<i>OTHER</i>				231,785	
OTHER GRANTS TOTAL					279,481	
WATER SPECIAL REVENUE						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		41,245		36,635	4,610
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		24,250		25,571	-1,321
5400	SUPPLIES		600		498	102
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY			21,000	21,000	
5900	DEBT SERVICE		68,857		61,856	7,001
451	WATER DEPARTMENT		134,952	21,000	145,560	10,392
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.		134,952	21,000	145,560	10,392
28	WATER SPECIAL REVENUE TOTAL		134,952	21,000	145,560	10,392
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				84,210	
5900	DEBT SERVICE		1,068,356		1,068,356	
122	SELECTMEN		1,068,356		1,152,566	
49	<i>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</i>		1,068,356		1,152,566	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT					
300	<i>EDUCATION</i>					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
500	<i>HUMAN SERVICES</i>					
30	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TOTAL		1,068,356		1,152,566	
ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				696,127	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				6,895,180	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				1,662,964	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
5900	DEBT SERVICE				163,200	
460	ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT				9,254,271	
62	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES				9,417,471	
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND						
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				5,608	
82	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TOTAL				5,608	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
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AGENCY FUND

4840 OTHER MISC. REVENUE
161 TOWN CLERK

5800 CAPITAL OUTLAY
171 CONSERVATION COM MISSION

2550 GUARANTEE DEPOSITS
175 PLANNING BOARD

2550 GUARANTEE DEPOSITS
511 BOARD OF HEALTH

100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

2550 GUARANTEE DEPOSITS 378,419
420 DPW-ADMINISTRATION

2580 OTHER LIABILITIES
982 OUTSIDE DETAIL TURNOVERS 108,567

1331 WATER LIENS
2400 DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS 137,140
983 OTHER ITEMS

980 BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

89	AGENCY FUNDS TOTAL				624,126	
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TOWN TOTAL	14,837,933	646,326	28,603,251	-13,118,992
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TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/00

#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#26 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#64 TRUSTS	#65 STABILIZA- TION	#69 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
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TAXES:

PERSONAL PROPERTY
REAL ESTATE
OTHER TAX ITEMS
MOTOR VEHICLE
TAX TITLE PENALTY & INTEREST
PENALTY & INTEREST EXCISE
LIEU OF TAXES
TAX OFFICE FEES & CHGS
ELECTRIC & WATER LIENS

184,015
9,851,258
89,046
840,142
11,608
32,728
93,913
13,590
3,403

SUBTOTAL

10,899,697

FEES AND CHARGES:

ASSESSORS
TOWN CLERK
POLICE
CEMETERY
SELECTMEN
FIRE
BUILDING INSPECTOR
BOARD OF HEALTH
LANDFILL
PLANNING BOARD/CONSERVATION

535
22,043
28,116
14,782
29,407
4,452
320,347
33,358
98,490
7,963

SUBTOTAL

559,473

STATE REVENUE:

POLICE INCENTIVE
LOCAL AID
LOTTERY
HOTEL TAX
MISC
STATE OWNED LAND
VETERANS & BLIND
ELDERLY
SCHOOL AID CHAP. 70
HIGHWAY
TRANSPORTATION
TUITION STATEWARDS
SCHOOL BUILDING REIMB.
LANDFILL CLOSURE

43,464
159,272
347,144
93,543
9,821
7,058
5,925
7,028
846,193
48,516
47,857
15,501
298,813
30,000

SUBTOTAL

1,958,033

OTHER REVENUES:

INTEREST EARNINGS
SALE OF PROPERTY
INSURANCE REIMB
OTHER MISC REVENUE

327,688
71,459
20,937
1,476

SUBTOTAL

421,560

TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/00

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#64 TRUSTS FUND	#65 STABILIZA- TION	#69 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
REFUNDS & REIMBURSEMENTS											
EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	18,425										18,425
SUBTOTAL	18,425										18,425
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	13,857,188										13,857,188
FUND 22 REVOLVING FUND											
FIRE ALARM CONSTRUCTION		900									900
SCHOOL LUNCH		140,488									140,488
SCHOOL		75,138									75,138
SCHOOL MUSIC		11,162									11,162
CHILDCARE		87,723									87,723
SUMMER PROGRAMS		9,353									9,353
STUDENT ACTIVITIES		3,257									3,257
AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT		16,405									16,405
SCHOOL REVOLVING		10,683									10,683
FIRE ALARM CONSTRUCTION		12,900									12,900
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES-FULLER		9,640									9,640
NATURES CLASSROOM		15,707									15,707
TOTAL REVOLVING FUND		373,336									373,336

TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/00

#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#64 TRUSTS FUND	#65 STABILIZA- TION	#69 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
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FUND 23 REVENUE RESERVED

AMBULANCE FEES
CONSERVATION
PARADE
CEMETERY

107,108
5,582
5,520

107,108
5,582
5,520

TOTAL REVENUES RESERVED

118,210

118,210

FUND 24 SCHOOL GRANTS

CURR. FRAMEWORK STUDY
PL 94-142
TITLE I
EARLY CHILDHOOD
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
GOV. ALLIANCE AGAINST DRUGS
MATH IN SERVICE
FOUNDATION (POT. HOLE)
CHAPTER 21

3,303
87,422
41,235
11,306
10,020
9,425
1,930
18,000
1,718

3,303
87,422
41,235
11,306
10,020
9,425
1,930
18,000
1,718

TOTAL SCHOOL GRANTS

162,359

162,359

FUND 26 OTHER GRANTS

COUNCIL ON AGING
DARE PROGRAM
ARTS COUNCIL
POLICE COMMUNITY ACTION
ROUTE 82
FIRE DEPARTMENT
LIBRARY
POLICE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT
CHAPTER 80
MASTER PLAN
PEG ACCESS
COPS IN SHOP

17,956
8,000
4,090
82,744
15,949
5,985
18,881
5,848
383,704
18,000
4,139
1,275

17,956
8,000
4,090
82,744
15,949
5,985
18,881
5,848
383,704
18,000
4,139
1,275

TOTAL OTHER GRANTS

544,371

544,371

FUND 28 - WATER:

WATER LINE PERMITS
SALE OF WATER

11,470
228,993

11,470
228,993

TOTAL WATER

240,463

240,463

TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/00

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#62 TRUST FUND	#64 TRUSTS	#65 STABILIZA- TION	#69 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
FUND 62 - ELECTRIC:												
SALE OF POWER							6,640,751					6,640,751
MISC. CHARGES							149,671					149,671
PRODUCTION							946,896					946,896
RATE STABILIZATION							169,505					169,505
INTEREST							117,623					117,623
M&C							57,678					57,678
TOTAL ELECTRIC							<u>10,102,124</u>					<u>10,102,124</u>
FUND 82												
A. RICHARDSON												
D. CUMMINGS												
MANSHIELD												
FAMMIE ETTER												
TOTAL FUND 82 TRUSTS-NON EXPENDABLE												
FUND 84 TRUSTS EXPENDABLE												
SCHOLARSHIP												
UNEMPLOYMENT												
CEMETERY												
TOTAL FUND 84 TRUSTS - EXPENDABLE												
FUND 85 STABILIZATION INTEREST												
INTEREST										9466		9,466
TOTAL FUND 85 STABILIZATION										<u>9,466</u>		<u>9,466</u>
FUND 89 - AGENCY:												
TOTAL										<u>321,713</u>	<u>321,713</u>	<u>321,713</u>
	\$13,857,188	\$373,336	\$116,210	\$162,359	\$544,371	\$240,463	\$10,102,124	\$13,944	\$6,356	\$9,468	\$321,713	\$25,751,532

TOWN TREASURER and TAX COLLECTOR

The Collector/Treasurer's Office reported collections of \$10,770,133.15 this year. This represents a 7.1% increase in collections over the previous year.

Real Estate taxes are the primary source of revenue with \$10,037,526 committed for collection. The unpaid balance for FY00 as of 6/30/00 was \$285,379.51 or 3.0% of the total levy.

Other collections through 6/30/00 were as follows:

❖ 2000 Personal Property	\$182,662.78
❖ 2000 Excise	\$590,171.01
❖ 2000 Water Liens	\$13,687.16
❖ 2000 Electric Liens	\$249.20

Previous Years Collections:

❖ Real Estate	\$233,587.43
❖ Personal Property	\$1,351.87
❖ Excise Tax	\$195,290.31
❖ Registry of Motor Vehicles (Fees only)	\$2,500.00
❖ Municipal Liens Fees	\$7,878.00
❖ Demand Fees	\$4,730.00

Scholarships:

We are extremely pleased to announce that scholarship and senior tax relief donations exceeded all previous other years.

❖ Scholarships	\$1,487.75
❖ Senior Tax Relief	\$1,449.21

Thank you to all who contributed.

Tax Title:

The Tax Title portfolio contains 43 parcels amounting to \$274,324.00, a decrease of \$34,794.19 from last year. Total collections from Tax Title accounts were \$38,736.43, water liens collections were \$1,730.04, fees were \$640.00, and interest of \$5,099.90.

Included in the total outstanding still remains the Rubchinuk property, which represents \$93,291.00 in taxes due. One owner unknown remains at \$40,806.00. There are seven (7) parcels remaining in land court for foreclosure. These amount to a total of \$61,598.99. This past year, six (6) properties were foreclosed in the amount of \$46,571.03.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charles W. Newhall
Collector of Taxes/Treasurer

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
EARNINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2000**

Adamo	Kristen	608.75	Cameron	Stephanie E.	27.50
Afrow	Lois P.	1,613.75	Cameron	Steven	25.12
Ajootian	Paul	27,715.17	Cantrell	Mary	27.50
Aldenberg	Robert	46,855.50	Carbone	Deborah	1,791.68
Aldenberg	Robert	27,246.89	Carciero	Kimberly G.	2,997.50
Aloisio	Jane F.	681.00	Carpenter	Ronald	64,480.95
Amero	Mary Anne	57,375.10	Carpenter	Ronald	26,067.26
Anderson	Adria M.	724.68	Carter	Adela	25,103.17
Anderson	Aniela	1,047.28	Carter	Aimee L.	8,117.55
Anderson	Crystal	724.68	Carterud	Noreen P.	11,628.00
Anderson	Dian A.	5,303.50	Cashman	Shirley	6,748.16
Anzalone	Julie A.	14,856.04	Cashman	William F.	13,573.50
Anzalone	Steven	7,667.48	Cerullo	Mary Ellen	2,550.00
Arathuzik	David E.	58,461.05	Chace	Rana L.	24,061.46
Arathuzik	David E.	11,464.83	Christianson	Christina A.	6,968.00
Armitage	Paul	70,406.97	Church	Judy	55,392.32
Avery	Nancy A.	2,813.00	Ciman	Wanda L.	8,590.50
			Clark	Emily	8,984.32
Bakoian	Eileen	733.15	Claveau	Nancy	1,443.23
Bakoian	Julie	49.62	Cleary	Brian	3,428.44
Barba	Lee G.	1,930.00	Clermont	Aaron	212.50
Barber	Jeffrey	20,685.27	Cleveland	Tracy N.	34,967.32
Barber	Jeffrey	16,401.89	Clinch	Charles	15,630.25
Barber	Jeffrey	10,627.47	Clinch	Charles	45,673.98
Barnes	Jill E.	4,301.25	Clinch III	Charles	13,702.26
Baron	John P.	1,160.16	Clough	Craig W.	4,985.10
Batchelder	Hebert	70.30	Clough	William	18,304.08
Baxter	Malvena M.	64,928.88	Cloutier	Michael J.	56,036.24
Beauparlant	H. Peter	7,873.28	Coburn	Laura A.	450.00
Begin	Stacey	44,217.28	Colby	Carolyn	3,516.71
Belgiomo	Stephen P.	58,550.10	Corey	William	73,905.21
Bernhard	James D.	8,810.01	Corey	William	5,035.80
Bernhard	James D.	971.50	Cormier	Leo	46,039.83
Bertino	Anthony G.	36,885.62	Cornell	Linda M.	44,988.42
Besen	Lisa A.	18,728.58	Correia	Manuel	2,976.20
Bilicki	Janet M.	11,130.00	Correia	Manuel F.	12,314.79
Boardman	Myrtle	165.07	Corso	Lisa M.	55.16
Bouchard	Andrew	2,860.51	Costas	Susan F.	42,242.27
Boudreau	Kathleen M.	187.50	Costigan	Charles	4,094.04
Brochu	Kathryn G.	533.40	Costigan	Charles	2,018.75
Brochu	Kathryn G.	20,692.31	Costigan	Judy A.	9,505.00
Brunaccini	Kathleen	11,806.34	Courtney Sr.	Kenneth A.	6,772.34
Brunaccini	Kathleen	216.88	Couture	Ann M.	7,982.01
Butler	Theodore	648.33	Creeden	Bernard F.	26,559.58
			Cressman	Patricia K.	17,363.66
			Crounse	Janice	75.00

Cunnigham	Katherine E.	820.00	Foy	Kathryn J.	3,498.75
Cunningham	Kristeen Y.	580.00	Francis	Peter B.	8,800.37
Cunningham	Marcia L.	4,356.00	Freedman	Helen L.	30,327.34
Currier	Carolyn	411.52	Fuller	Jennifer	44,249.92
Currier	Robert A.	50,033.60			
Currier	Robert A.	1,269.50	Gallagher	Christine M.	23,153.66
			Gallagher	Kathy	4,146.48
D'Alesio	Annmarie	75.00	Gallerie	Judy	24,076.30
Dalton	Pamela	20,740.36	Gannon-Moore	Susan	10,542.00
Daniels	Anne	16,992.57	Garber	Joan	22,149.40
Darrah	Suzanne	225.00	Gardner	Karen L.	13,432.38
Davie	Theresa	36,869.34	Garland	Sally A.	1,725.00
Davies	Adam B.	3,197.14	Garvin	Linda	900.00
Davis	Mary P.	4,281.00	Gauthier	Bessilia A.	1,322.28
Dearborn	Michelle	75.00	Gentile	Louis R.	27,485.64
DeCosta	James	45,068.16	Geomelos	Catherine D.	9,149.77
DeCosta	James	2,688.00	George	Sarah	38,032.75
Deeley	Barbara	47,242.38	George	Sarah	550.00
Delaney	Barbara	243.00	Gettings	Laura	3,979.37
Dellea	Cindy	10,315.00	Gettings	Patricia	4,519.22
Dellea	Nancy K.	2,076.36	Gettings	Patricia	183.81
Dellea	Nancy K.	8,458.26	Gibbons	Kenneth J.	54,312.84
Denisco	Alexander	925.80	Gibbons	Melinda E.	4,950.00
Diamond	Karen	337.50	Gilardi	Jennifer	4,459.44
DiGianvittorio	James	3,990.50	Giles	Wendy	7,420.00
DiGianvittorio	James	60,626.29	Giltrap	Barbara	5,871.48
Divaio	Kathleen M.	15,847.07	Giordano	Frank M.	41,964.69
Donovan	Douglas H.	1,035.32	Giustra	Claudia	258.75
Dow	George	150.72	Gorman	Cynthia	47,853.56
Driscoll	Catherine	54,499.90	Gorman	Katherine H.	26,625.51
			Gould	Ricky	38,799.03
Emmons	Heidi	11,336.58	Grant	Dawn M.	1,906.72
Enos	Susan A.	13,684.30	Gray	Kathleen	10,380.38
			Green	Diane	4,710.66
Famolare	Cynthia A.	641.91	Greenberg	Steven	1,605.62
Farley	George	7,666.98	Griffith	John S.	5,718.54
Farley	Gwen E.	5,806.65	Griffith	John S.	10,302.25
Farley	Mary	2,685.58	Griffith	Neila	150.00
Farley	Mary	11,786.70	Guglielmi	Anthony	6,745.69
Ferreira	Dorothy	204.35	Gulino	Kathleen J.	396.00
Ferreira	Leonard	2,027.40	Guthrie	Carol A.	14,066.50
Ferreira	Leonard	69,285.79			
Festa	Maria	6,987.00	Hackett	Rene	2,688.34
Fiore	Sally S.	3,482.13	Hagan	Virginia J.	2,789.08
Fitzgerald	Francis	5,338.00	Hager	Helen A.	1,012.50
Fitzpatrick	Michelle M.	72,553.74	Haines	Patricia R.	22,869.15
Fitzpatrick	Terry	2,076.36	Haley	Gayle	57,611.98
Flynn	Patti A.	15,556.32	Haley	Gayle F.	4,077.00
Fontaine	Violet	196.32	Hall	Carol H.	75.00
Foy	Kathryn	10,494.27	Hallworth	Charlotte	51.30

Hamilton	Mary	40.15	Kraus	Jenifer	13,538.36
Hamilton	Paula L.	20,249.15	Kwiatek	Susan M.	9,552.50
Hannon	Danielle P.	1,833.69			
Hannon	James	285.00	L'Abbe	Scott J.	6,545.62
Hannon	James	10,672.88	Lacey	Gary K.	10,203.99
Hart	Patricia	591.35	Lacey	Gary K.	4,574.75
Haskell	Timothy	8,106.72	LaFrance	Brenda	288.00
Hathaway	David E.	4,008.92	Langis	Sally	88.33
Hawkes	Dina A.	32,717.40	Larson	Sandra	3,595.00
Heckman	Elizabeth	12,791.04	Lawrence	Tammy A.	835.89
Hielscher	Thomas	1,329.10	Le Duc	James A.	3,731.70
Hittinger	Marie	37.50	Le Duc	James A.	2,124.25
Hobey	Kelly A.	45,642.28	Leary	Daniel	5,219.76
Hocter	Lorayne	210.56	Leary	David	54,127.50
Hocter	Mary	1,525.00	Leary	David	16,281.98
Hoffman	Robert	57,725.88	Leary	Florence M.	30,139.05
Hoffman	Cindy-Ann	8,428.00	LeColst	Douglas K.	37,728.25
Horvath	Robert B.	4,319.75	LeColst	Douglas K.	17,422.69
Howard	Michael	187.88	LeColst	Kenneth	40,971.22
Husson	Kevin M.	46,543.26	LeColst	Kenneth	13,020.96
Huston	Chrisopher J.	20,610.22	LeColst	Michael	6,110.77
Inglis	Grace I.	2,396.52	Leitner	Karen	688.50
Inglis	Grace I.	139.63	Lennox	Adelyn	494.40
Innis	Donna	34,665.91	Lenzie	David	850.00
			Lenzie	Jacqueline	34,012.01
Johnson	Claudia	25,495.04	Linehan	John E.	35,403.14
Johnson	Lee	130.00	Linscott	Patricia A.	36,079.60
Jones	Alfred	8,520.86	Lishner	Ashley	560.29
Jones	Alfred	850.00	Lishner	Sheila	8,515.50
Jones	Alfred	4,378.34	Lopez	Margaret V.	3,095.59
Jones	John	57,308.80	Lordan	Jeanne	42,667.36
Jones	John	352.00	Lougee	George A.	6,825.40
Jones	Nancy	1,150.02	Lynch	Perry	75.00
Jones	Nancy	20,991.93	Lyons	Sharon	6,922.29
Jordan	Maureen	1,997.94			
Jordan	Maureen	10,881.41	Macleod	Patricia L.	5,854.62
Joyce III	Robert	5,701.44	Maiuri	Lisa J.	742.41
			Malek	Charlene	11,298.40
Karalides	Nancy	1,578.24	Mals	Michele M.	1,502.08
Kassiotis	Richard	850.00	Mansfield	Karen	615.00
Kassiotis	Richard	1,255.68	Marques	Gary W.	19,910.72
Kassiotis	Richard	1,850.01	Marshall	Dale	26,552.76
Kelley	Brian	21,412.37	Martinuk	Danielle	8,079.64
Kelley	Brian	3,117.50	Martinuk	Thomas J.	35,791.16
Kelley	James	1,563.06	Martinuk	Thomas J.	20,197.38
Kelley	James	558.25	Matthews	Shirley	5,061.12
Kelly	Mark T.	93,846.54	McCormack	Lily G.	32,229.26
Kennedy	Louise	25,146.24	McCormack	Lily G.	2,643.49
King	Louise	57,465.10	McGann	Kevin J.	8,508.99
Knott	Christie	1,050.00	McHugh	Diane	254.25

McIntire	Susan	275.00	O'Dowd	Jeanne A.	15,204.72
McNamara	Jean L.	1,223.71	O'Leary	Cheryl A.	2,902.71
McNamara	Nancy	36,776.97	O'Neil	William	42,937.06
McParland	Thomas	47,522.21	O'Neil	William	19,118.88
McParland	Thomas	8,030.50	Ogden	Corinne	2,268.00
Meads	Roberta M.	1,583.35	Ogden	David	37,941.82
Mears	Marissa	661.50	Ogden	David	50,973.01
Mendes	Richard	5,729.04	Ohlson	Patricia	1,999.99
Mendes	Richard	2,573.25	Olmsted	Susan A.	14,118.50
Merriam	Lisa	534.75	Osgood	Glenn	42,047.16
Messenger	Ward P.	850.00			
Michalski Jr.	Henry	46,399.59	Papa	John	4,031.22
Miller	Carlotta S.	57,395.10	Pascucci	Joseph	1,599.99
Miller	James	2,407.47	Pazar	Janet A.	75.00
Montani	Ann M.	26,550.16	Pazdziorny	Deborah B.	7,306.00
Moore	Heather	506.00	Peachey	Betty M.	121.65
Moore	Susan	110.25	Peachey, Jr.	Robert	17,777.75
Morin, Sr.	Ernest V.	33,555.24	Peachey, Jr.	Robert	47,175.30
Morin	Kimberly A.	35,742.97	Peachey-Aleckn	Sheryl	106.44
Morrin	Mary Jane	1,599.99	Pecci	Meredith E.	40,179.46
Mortalo	Barbara A.	6,826.75	Pelletier	Marie G.	36,917.50
Mortalo	Eleanor	691.13	Pelletier	Patricia H.	19,707.12
Mortalo	Maria G.	1,030.56	Pelrine	Sean M.	130.00
Mortalo	Maureen	1,687.28	Perkins	Marie A.	9,290.02
Msisz	Jean L.	6,423.00	Piraino	Deborah F.	83.00
Mugford	William	42,186.53	Poirier	Jeanne	59,038.47
Mugford	William	1,466.66	Poirier-L'Abbe	Seth Z.	738.10
Mulholland	Heidi	832.50	Pollock	Joan S.	2,160.00
Mulligan	Eileen	40,455.93	Pollock	Sandra A.	8,788.55
Murphy	Laurie J.	39,942.32	Pollock	Sandra A.	770.37
Murphy	Robert	46,900.00	Poor	Anita J.	2,898.00
Murphy	Shirley	17,311.76	Powers	Bernadette M.	37.50
Murray	Cherylee	240.00	Prentakis	Konstantinos	1,791.68
Musto	Michael M.	16,640.90	Preston	Linda	75.00
			Pride	Matthew W.	62,834.59
Napieracz	Beverly	57,450.10	Prochilo	Janet P.	2,918.95
Nash	Richard F.	11,451.47	Putnam	Barbara A.	36,887.25
Neal	Priscilla C.	1,199.00			
Newhall	Andrea	32,825.09	Ramos	Veronica E.	18,730.44
Newhall	Charles W.	43,246.91	Rathe	Jane T.	57,300.10
Newhall	Karen L.	33,179.40	Rawlinson	Felicia	185.00
Nicholls	Gail S.	3,166.01			
Norris	Julie S.	37,290.61	Reardon	Pamela M.	33,062.82
Novakowski	Frances J.	2,523.69	Reis	Thomas M.	1,776.60
			Repucci	Linda M.	6,861.37
O'Brien	Stephen R.	38,484.61	Reutter	Barbara	5,470.11
O'Connell	Timothy	14,356.35	Richardson	Ann	5,192.02
O'Connell	Timothy	3,843.36	Riley	Janet	54,899.90
O'Connor	Jeralyn	51,600.12	Robertson	Theresa	3,560.00
O'Connor	John J.	10,730.44	Rockoff	Phyllis	1,067.50

Rodham	Karen	115.78	Tivnan	Karen	10,819.02
Rogers	Jane V.	18,864.94	Tonello	Alaina	691.13
Rollins	Kenneth D.	66,608.29	Tonello	Lorraine R.H	7,755.20
Rosenthal	Judith	2,250.00	Tonello	Paul	729.55
Rubchinuk	Sandra M.	41,662.27	Torname	Nancy P.	1,203.36
Ruhl	Beth E.	34,159.68	Tragert	Henry	100.00
Saulnier	Raymond L.	2,714.10	Tumarkin	Nancy B.	4,988.82
Saulnier	Scott	47,413.59	Turner	Meredith	24,257.18
Schloss	Kim	3,854.88	Turvin	Susan G.	1,635.14
Scott	Frank D.	10,968.80	Tuscini	Katherine M.	1,635.14
Sharp	Arthur E.	42,814.82	Twiss	Frank	850.00
Sheridan	Alice	363.44	Twiss	Frank	45,172.56
Siddall	Deanne	57,111.73	Twiss	Frank	24,392.64
Silva	Cheryl	42,631.93	Twiss	Ilene	150.00
Sinclair	Judith A.	4,181.50	Twombly	Carol	9,699.33
Sindoni	Caryl	4,129.76	Tyszkowski	Kimberly	7,174.08
Singer	Ira S.	65,063.88	Urbanski	Peter	75.00
Skory	Steven A.	28,394.55	Valcourt	Antonette	7,633.90
Skory	Steven A.	2,856.50	Vasapoli	Judith K.	975.00
Slocum	Susan F.	5,725.00	Vicari	Stacey	4,674.29
Smith	Heather G.	3,015.00	Vickerman	Debra	42,182.27
Smith	William	5,338.84	Visconte	Nancy A.	1,530.00
Smith	William	2,610.68	Wager	Christine	112.50
Standring	Sheila	57,549.84	Walke	Bernard	45,876.98
Stickney	Kris Anne	9,068.90	Warnock	Christina K.	185.00
Sullivan	Linda	6,451.25	Watson	Marion C.	1,304.55
Supino	Kim	166.50	Wells	Cecily	171.64
Swanson	Bradford	19,230.76	Wetmore	Elizabeth F.	745.00
Sweeney	Tynne R.	16,173.13	White	Carolyn	44,249.92
Swift	Loretta B.	2,542.46	White	Patrick M.	1,350.20
Taft	David	4,500.00	Wiberg	Cheryl	13,643.60
Thorlin	Jo Anne	6,298.38	Williamson	Joyce	13,643.60
Thurber	Nancy L.	57.94	Wojciechowski	Christine S.	7,111.25
Thwing	Amanda	597.19	Zenga	Pamela	1,600.00
Titus	Nancy R.	13,222.73			

ANIMAL CONTROL

This past year has been very different for the Animal Control Department. Middleton is growing. This is posing a new set of rules for our animals, both domestic and wild. Most people in our town take very good care of their pets and enjoy what a pet gives back to them. But we have to remember that not all of our neighbors want to listen to or clean up after our animals. There are still plenty of out of the way places that you can walk your dog without letting him soil property that doesn't belong to you. As for barking dogs, it may not occur to you that when you go off to work and leave your dog outside, he is bored and misses you. Therefore, the thing for him to do is to bark, hoping that someone will let him in. Instead, all that happens is that your neighbors go crazy listening to it, wondering why. Is he hot? Is he cold? Does he need something and what is wrong with these people?

But on the other hand, I recently got a call from a person saying that a dog living near them barked from the time his family left until they returned. I asked had they spoken to the owners about the problem. The person told me they did not want hard feelings between neighbors, so I made the call. The owner of the dog was very apologetic and surprised that his dog had become a barker after many years of being quiet. He informed me that would do everything he could not to let it happen again. He then asked would I do him a favor if I received any more complaints about his dog. Please tell them that my dog does not bite and neither do I. Point well taken!

As for the wild animals in our town, just drive around and look at the woods disappearing! That is where they used to live. Now they wander around our streets and yards wondering where they can find shelter. For the most part, wildlife does not want to interact with humans. When animals become sick from any one of the many diseases that plague them, we will remove them and dispose of them humanely. As for the healthy ones, we cannot by law remove, relocate or destroy them in any way.

Rabies Update

For the period from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, the Massachusetts State Laboratory performed the following Rabies test for the entire state (14 counties) of Massachusetts:

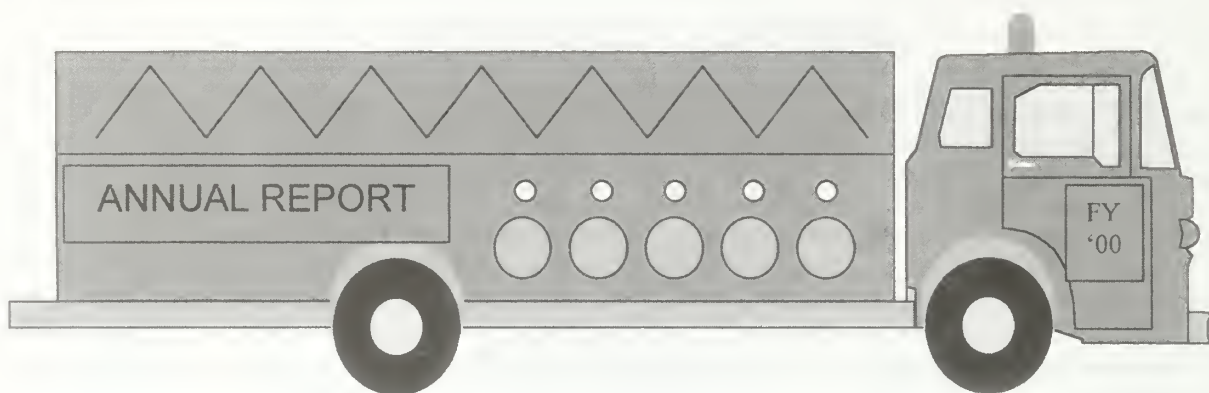
Animals	Tested	Positives
Dogs	503	1
Cats	1071	3
Skunks	365	126
Foxes	34	10
Bats	590	22
Raccoons	184	84

Other animals tested brings the total to 3171 tests with 248 positives.

Check the totals. Our domestic pets are dying **not** from Rabies but from not having up to date Rabies vaccinations. This occurs mostly in cats. Please help stop this sad statistic. More pets than wild animals have been tested for Rabies. This is unacceptable. Our domestic pets depend on us; what we do for them and what we neglect to do. Our Spring Rabies Clinic will be the first Wednesday of May, which is May 2nd. As in the past, the Town Clerk will be there to license dogs.

This year in thanking all the departments that I work with year round, I would like to give a special thanks to Leo Cormier for the many articles and the time he provides for my department. Hopefully the new year will be a happy and a healthy one for Middleton residents and their pets.

Betty Heckman
A.C.O.



To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Middleton:

MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary mission of the Middleton Fire Department is to protect lives and property and improve the quality of LIFE in the Town of Middleton through fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material control, and fire alarm communications to all who live, work or invest in the community.

I hereby submit to you the report of the Fire Department for the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

The Fire Department consists of permanent and call personnel. The permanent force is composed of Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, three Firefighters and one Dispatcher. The call force consists of one Captain, and 22 Firefighters. This combination of personnel gives the Town a complement of 31 men and women serving of the Fire Department.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER:

KEY

- * Emergency Medical Technician/Basic
- ** First Responder, 105 CMR 171.000 MGL c111, c201
- *** Emergency Medical Technician/Intermediate
- **** Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic

Total EMT/Basic	18
Total EMT/Intermediate	2
Total EMT/Paramedic	4
Total First Responder	7



PERMANENT FORCE:

- *** Chief Henry Michalski, Jr.
- * Captain David T. Leary, Sr.
- *** Lieutenant Frank Twiss
- * Lieutenant William O'Neil
- * Firefighter Jeffery Barber
- * Firefighter Kenneth LeColst
- **** Firefighter Douglas LeColst
- * Firefighter Thomas Martinuk
- * Dispatcher Lily McCormack



CALL FORCE:

* Captain Charles S. Clinch, III
** Firefighter Charles S. Clinch, IV
** Firefighter Robert Aldenberg
* Firefighter Peter Beauparlant
** Firefighter Matthew Beauparlant
** Firefighter Andrew Bouchard
* Firefighter William Clough
**** Firefighter Kevin Doyle
* Firefighter Peter B. Francis
* Firefighter James Hannon
** Firefighter David Hathaway
* Firefighter Chris Huston
**** Firefighter Robert Joyce III
**** Firefighter Scott L'Abbe
** Firefighter Daniel Leary
* Firefighter James Miller
* Firefighter Richard F. Nash
* Firefighter Paul Tonello
* Firefighter Nancy Torname
* Firefighter Danielle Martinuk
* Firefighter John O'Connor
* Firefighter Patrick White

MANPOWER:

As with past years, the manpower situation still needs attention. Availability of personnel is still at a critical level; the need for additional full time firefighters grows every year. The growth of the town has placed a high demand on the department, with increases in inspections and requests for assistance, both in routine and emergency natures. This department has seen a marked increase in the emergency medicals

As of this writing the Town does not comply with the recommendations of the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the National Fire Protection Association (1500) Standards, requiring four (4) persons to be on scene before attempting an interior fire attack.

INCIDENTS:

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,531 incidents during 1998-1999. This year we showed a decrease of 205 incidents. The incidents are broken down as follows:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Building Fires	26
Chimney Fires	05
Motor Vehicle Fires	10
Brush and Grass Fires	72
Rubbish, Trash, Dumps	10
Spills (gasoline, oil, etc.)	08
Medical Aid -Basic Life Support	464
Medical Aid - Advanced Life Support	92
Motor Vehicle Accidents	146
Mutual Aid - Medical Aid	24
Medical Aid No Transport	12
Burnt Food on stove	111
Investigations	55
Electrical	07
Delayed Ignitions (oil burner)	10
Defective gas appliances	06
Lock ins	01
Service Calls (lockouts, etc.)	182

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Assist Police and other Town Departments	28
Illegal burning	35
Mutual Aid	49
Defective Elevators	04
False Alarms (street, master boxes and telephone)	15
Alarm activation's (needless)	221
Lightning strikes	14
Investigation (gas odor)	21
Carbon Monoxide detector activation's	<u>22</u>
Total Response 19998/2000	1650

We answered a total of 291 incidents from the hours of 0001 (12:01 AM) to 0800 hours (8:00 AM), 801 incidents were from 0801 (8:01 AM) to 1600 hours (4:00 PM), and 558 incidents from 1601 (4:01PM) to 2400 (midnight).

The department received mutual aid from the surrounding communities a total of 82 times during the past year.

APPARATUS:

The apparatus of the department is in fair to good condition. The current inventory of your equipment is:

- 1992 Chevy Sedan (Chief's car)
- 1995 Ford Sedan (Car 2)
- 1999 Ford 450 Pick-up (Squad 5)
- 1989 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 6)
- 1995 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 1)
- 1993 Ford E350 Utility body (Fire alarm maintenance)
- 1972 International front mount pump (Engine 2)
- 1979 Ward LaFrance pump (Engine 3)
- 1986 Hahn pump (Engine 1)
- 1999 Sutphen 105' Aerial Ladder (Ladder 1)
- 1981 Mack Tractor, with 1965 Heil trailer (Engine 4)
- 1988 Cox Boat trailer with 1989 Bombard Commando boat with motor for water rescue
- 1988 Wire trailer (fire alarm) two general purpose trailers used for HazMat incidents



The Car 1 (1992 Chevy) Chief's car is ten years old and needs to be replaced with a 4 wheel drive vehicle and the this car will the replace the 1995 Ford Sedan, which was one of the old Police Cruisers, which was used by the department of public works before our acquisition.

Engine 3, which is a 1979 Ward LaFrance pump, has reached its maximum age to be considered as a first line piece of emergency equipment by the Insurance Service Office rating standard, which affects our insurance rates for the town. We have also noticed a lot of rust on the body and in the cabinets.

The new pickup truck has been delivered. The vehicle was purchased off the State Bid list, which allowed the town to take advantage of lower prices, receiving the best possible vehicle within the budget approved by you the taxpayers. The new Squad was placed in service, the old pick up truck is being used to replace the 1982 Ford F350 utility truck and will serve as the fire alarm maintenance vehicle.

Keeping with the schedule of replacement of the ambulances, we will move Rescue 1 to the reserve rescue. In the past, we have replaced the ambulance every 5 to 6 years, with the monies coming out of the ambulance funds.

9-1-1

9-1-1 has been on line in Middleton since May of 1997. During the year, the department answered 1,427 calls on the 9-1-1 lines. I must stress that this is an emergency number and should be used for that purpose only. If you should call 9-1-1 by accident, please stay on the line so the dispatcher can verify that it was a wrong number or accidental call. When you hang up, without answering we are required to dispatch equipment to your resident or place of business to determine if an emergency does exist.

When calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone, beware that you will be speaking with a State Police telecommunicator at the Framingham State Police radio room. You need to be specific as to your location and emergency. They in turn will connect you with the area you are in, or take the necessary information and dispatch the appropriate response.

9-1-1 can be used even if you cannot speak. When you call, if for some reason you can not speak, you can simply press one of three numbers. If you should need the police, press the number 1, for a fire emergency, press 2 and for an ambulance, press 3. Then it will be necessary for you to respond to the telecommunicators as requested using numbers or what ever means that can be used.

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RADIO SYSTEM

The radio system appears to be in good operating order, with no major problems noted at this time.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The exhaust system for the apparatus has been partially completed. Rather than install the type with hoses hanging from the ceiling area, we purchased a system from Ward LaFrance Diesel. This system is unique in that it actually attaches to the exhaust of the vehicle. It operates when the vehicle is started for a specific period of time, and then shuts off automatically. When the vehicle is placed in reverse, the system automatically turns on again.

One advantage to this system is that it can be re-used on a new vehicle when purchased. It is simply removed from the vehicle we are replacing and re-installed on the new vehicle. It works on a filter system, which requires replacing annually. We need to purchase two additional units to complete our inventory.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

As in the past year, the department continues to conduct regular training sessions for its members in certain fields. The departments Paramedic's have to seek their training outside of the department in order to maintain their status in the Advance Life Support Field. We have purchased several programs such as defensive driving techniques for both the fire apparatus and the ambulance.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to play a major role in Fire Department operations. This past year, Department personnel treated and evaluated over 500 patients and transported to various hospitals throughout the North Shore and Boston area.

Over 90 percent of Fire Department personnel are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT); 24 are certified at the basic level (BLS), 1 at the Intermediate level (ALS) and 5 at the Paramedic level (ALS). To maintain their certification, all members must attend various training programs throughout the year, including a "24 hour refresher" for Basic EMT's and a "48 hour refresher" for Paramedics every 2 years. In addition, all EMT's are both Semi-Automatic Defibrillator (SAED) and Epi-Pen certified.

Currently 3 members of the Department are enrolled in Paramedic school at the NorthEast EMS Educational Organization Program in Wakefield, MA. This course (which lasts roughly 12 months), entails numerous hours of both classroom studies and clinical training on various subjects, such as Cardiology, Pharmacology, and Advanced Patient Assessment. Once these 3 individuals have completed their training, their knowledge and skills will greatly strengthen the Department's Advanced Life Support Program.

Recently, the Department began using 12-lead EKG monitoring on a trial basis for patients who are suspected of having a myocardial infarction (MI), or a "heart attack". This device (which is currently used in the hospital setting), allows Paramedics in the field to obtain detailed cardiac information and data which can greatly influence the treatment by both the paramedics and the physicians at the receiving hospital. By using this advanced technology, the department continues to offer the best patient care possible to the citizens of the community.

Public education and awareness is also an important part of the day-to-day operation. The Department continues to offer First Aid and CPR programs to various organizations within the town. In addition, the Department offers tours of the ambulance to the various pre-school and elementary students of the community. This results in a better understanding of our operations and helps to alleviate any fears that may occur during a medical or traumatic emergency.

It is our goal at Middleton Fire Department to provide each and every person who is sick or injured with the utmost care and compassion possible for many years to come.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Fire Prevention Division has again experienced a very busy year. Inspection activity has been active due to the continued construction of new homes and businesses. In addition, there have been numerous inspections of existing homes and businesses that have undergone additions and/or renovations. In terms of fire safety education, the department continues to make numerous visits to the schools and day care centers. Many local businesses have participated in our fire extinguisher training class, which has been a great learning experience for all that attend. Other examples of our commitment to promote fire prevention included classes for the elderly, public service announcements on the local cable channel, and handouts for the school children.

During this fiscal year, the department again received a S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) grant from the Commonwealth. The money was used to enhance our fire safety education programs through additional training and materials. Firefighters have visited the schools more frequently and have provided up-to-date training programs that included "Play Safe, Be Safe" for preschoolers and "Safe-T-Rider" for second graders.

"Play Safe, Be Safe" was made available by the Bic Corporation and has been a great success in teaching basic fire safety to the preschool and kindergarten. The "Safe-T-Rider" program was provided by the Elevator/Escalator Safety Foundation. The entire second grade participated in this free program

which was both enjoyable and educational. The subject of the program was the safe and proper way of riding escalators, elevators and moving walks.

In 1998, the S.A.F.E. grant allowed the department to purchase a "Sparky the Fire Dog" suit, which continues to be a favorite of the young children. In addition, plastic fire helmets, Halloween bags, plastic fire badges, book covers, pencils, pamphlets, and calendars are available for distribution to the public.

Another valuable fire safety education tool, which was made available through a state grant, is the District 5 S.A.F.E. Fire Safety Trailer. The participating communities in Fire District 5 jointly operate this 32-foot trailer, which is stored at Danvers Fire Headquarters. We were fortunate to have the trailer in Middleton for the Pumpkin Festival, and it was a tremendous success. Tonnelli's Restaurant graciously donated his parking lot and electricity to operate the trailer. People of all ages visited the trailer and learned valuable fire safety information. Some also participated in actual home escape drills.



Remember that fire can strike without warning. To be safe you have to be ready. Take the time now to complete a home fire safety check. Install **smoke detectors** if you haven't already. For those who have already installed detectors be sure they are clean and free of dust. Test the batteries monthly and replace the batteries yearly. Sit down with family members and devise a **family escape plan** for your home. The plan should include Two (2) ways out of every room, plus a meeting place out of the building. Purchase a multi-purpose **(ABC) fire extinguisher** and learn how to use it properly. The extinguisher should be located near exit doors.

One issue that continues to raise many questions and concerns by the public is the **danger of carbon monoxide poisoning**. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and highly toxic gas. Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion, present whenever fuel is burned. Common home appliances, such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters (gas or oil fired), automobiles, and wood stoves produce CO.

Malfunctioning heating equipment, blocked chimneys, indoor use of barbecue grills, use of cooking appliances for heating purposes, poor ventilation, and automobile exhaust in an attached garage can cause carbon monoxide to enter a home. If carbon monoxide goes undetected and the levels increase, carbon monoxide poisoning can occur. Symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, tightening of the chest, convulsions, redness of the eyes, sleepiness, confusion and ringing of the ears are some of the effects of carbon monoxide on the body. Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death.

To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning, install at least one **carbon monoxide detector** near the sleeping area. An additional detector near the home heat source can provide extra protection. Choose Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detectors that sound an audible alarm. In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, residents should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources of carbon monoxide.

If you or your family members encounter any danger signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, if there is a suspicion that a carbon monoxide problem exists, or if a carbon monoxide detector activates, evacuate the home immediately and call the fire department. The firefighters can render emergency care and also use special equipment to measure the levels of carbon monoxide in the home.

Another issue of concern is the use of space heaters. Forty-four space heater fires were reported to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 1999. These forty-four (44) space heater fires caused six civilian injuries, eight fire fighter injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$643,176. Forty-one percent (41%) of these fires were caused by combustible materials such as bedding, rubbish or furniture that were too close to the heater, 9% were caused by lack of maintenance and another 9% were caused by other electrical failure.

Safety Tips

If you must use a space heater for heat, use it as safely as possible.

- When buying a heater, look for one that has been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company.
- Keep the heater three (3) feet away from drapes, furniture or other flammable materials. Place it on a level surface away from areas where someone might bump it and knock it over. **Space heaters need space!**
- If you must use an extension cord, make sure it is a heavy-duty cord marked with a power rating at least as high as that on the label of the heater itself. (These are usually orange colored.)
- Never leave a space heater unattended or running while you sleep.
- Keep electric heaters away from water. Never use them near a sink or in the bathroom.
- The sale and use of unvented kerosene heaters is illegal in Massachusetts.

If you would like some help in planning a home fire escape plan, if you would like a home fire safety check, or if you have any questions concerning fire safety or fire prevention, please stop by the fire station or call us at (978) 774-2466. Arrangements can be made to help you keep your home fire safe. The department has two slide programs on "Preventing Home Fires" and "Escaping Home Fires" and also numerous videos on fire safety, which are available to be viewed for your education.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER

- Install at least one smoke detector on each level of your home.
- DO NOT disable a smoke detector when it sounds.
- Know what to do after a detector sounds.
- Plan a home escape route in the event of a fire.
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector



INSPECTIONS & PERMITS		
Oil Burner Inspection	56	
Reinspection	10	
Permits Issued		56
Fire Alarm Inspection	154	
Reinspection	25	
Permits Issued		154
Liquid Propane Storage	50	
Reinspection	4	
Permits Issued		50
Tank Truck Inspection	5	
Reinspection	1	
Permits Issued		5
Blasting Permit	6	
Blast Witnessed	18	
Permits Issued		6

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS		
Sprinkler Permits	13	
Flammable Liquid	7	
Tent Permit	6	
Tar Kettle	0	
Welding / Cutting	12	
Underground Storage Tank Removal	14	
Plans Review (residential, smoke & heat detection, sprinklers, and fire extinguishers).	120	
Burning Permits Issued		397
Calls for permission to burn	1275	

NOTE: Burning Permits are good for one (1) season, but a call to the fire department MUST BE MADE ON EACH DAY OF BURNING.

FIRE ALARM

The fire alarm system is in excellent repair and condition. Maintenance and care of the system is the key to reliable, cost effective operation. The fire alarm system is cared for in its entirety by the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and remains basically self-supporting through fees charged directly to the users. All town owned buildings are protected by the system. Expansion of the system continues at a rapid rate again this year due to many construction projects in progress. All costs associated with the expansion process are borne by the developers and/or builder.

FOR FIRE & EMERGENCY: CALL 9-1-1

Provide the telecommunicator with the following information:

- ☎ Your name
- ☎ The address where the emergency is located
- ☎ What the emergency is
- ☎ How many people are injured or need help
- ☎ What is being done for the victims
- ☎ Your telephone number
- ☎ **DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL TOLD TO!**

In the event you have no telephone, use the fire alarm box in your area. **STAY** at the fire alarm box until apparatus and personnel arrive. Immediately direct them to the problem.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Addition of six (6) full time firefighters
- Addition of one (1) full time fire prevention inspector
- Replacement of Engine 3 (1979 Ward LaFrance pump)
- Replacement of Engine 1 (1986 Hahn Pumper)
- Replacement of Car 1 (1992 Chevy Sedan)
- Addition of three (3) E 9-1-1 telecommunicators (dispatchers) to augment weekend and night shifts

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton for your continued cooperation during the past year.

To the members of the department and your families, thank you for your assistance throughout the past year. Your dedication toward providing safety to the residents of the town is very much in my thoughts at all times, as well as your well being.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Leary, Sr.,
Chief of Department

MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is the report and activity statistics of the
Middleton Police Department from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Paul F. Armitage, Chief of Police
James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant
John E. Jones, Sergeant
Gayle F. Haley, Sergeant
James J. DeCosta, Patrolman
Robert A. Currier, Patrolman
Robert T. Peachey, Jr., Patrolman
Ronald S. Carpenter, Patrolman
Thomas M. McParland, Patrolman
David E. Arathuzik, Patrolman
Steven A. Skory, Patrolman

RESERVE OFFICERS

James W. Kelley, Patrolman
Leonard J. Ferreira, Patrolman
William J. Corey, Patrolman
Richard A. Mendes, Patrolman
Richard W. Kassiotis, Patrolman
Charles R. Costigan, Patrolman
Raymond L. Saulnier, Patrolman
Brian J. Kelley, Patrolman
James A. LeDuc, Patrolman
John S. Griffith, Patrolman
Gary K. Lacey, Patrolman
James D. Bernhard, Patrolman

CLERK/DISPATCHERS

Nancy A. McParland
Kris A. Stickney

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Marcia A. Swift
(Resigned August 1999)

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS

Rev. Jon C. Martin
Rev. Paul Sangree

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**Sergeant DiGianvittorio**

1. Scheduling Officer
2. Firearms Officer
3. Accreditation Officer
4. Court Activity Supervisor
5. Firearms Licensing Officer

Sergeant Jones

1. Juvenile Officer
2. Facilities Manager
3. Fleet Supervisor

Sergeant Haley

1. DARE Officer
2. Domestic Violence Officer
3. Training Officer
4. Drug Officer
5. Accreditation Officer

Officer DeCosta

1. Court Officer
2. Photo/Fingerprint Officer

Officer Currier

1. Safety Officer
2. LEAPS Computer Officer

Officer Peachey

1. Bicycle Officer
2. LEAPS Computer Officer

Officer Carpenter

1. Bicycle Officer

Officer Mendes

1. Jail Liaison Officer

Officer Costigan

1. Computer Consultant

Officer Saulnier

1. Department Mechanic

IN MEMORIAM

**We remember the following members of the Middleton Police Department
and their years of service:**

<i>Sergeant Lloyd Getchell</i>	<i>1946 - 1967</i>
<i>Chief James Wentworth</i>	<i>1947 - 1971</i>
<i>Chief Edward Richardson</i>	<i>1962 - 1988</i>
<i>Officer Paul Peters</i>	<i>1970 - 1983</i>
<i>Sergeant Edward Couture</i>	<i>1974 - 1997</i>

May They Rest In Peace

POLICE INCIDENTS

July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

911 Hang Up	71
A	
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	1
A & B With Weapon	3
Accident - Fatal	1
Accident - Hit & Run	19
Accident - No Personal Injuries	202
Accident - Pedestrian	1
Accident - Personal Injuries	56
Alarms - Business/Residential	793
Alcohol Violation	11
Ambulance Assistance	31
Animal Complaint	104
Annoying Calls	16
Assault	18
Assist Agency	231
Assist Others	152
Attempt To Serve Process	10
Attempted Arson	1
Attempted B & E	7
Attempted Larceny	2
B	
B & E - Building	15
B & E - Dwelling	10
B & E - Motor Vehicle	7
Building Check	8
Bomb	1
Bus Passed	1
By-law Violation	1
C	
Car Fire	3
Carrying Weapon	1
Check Well Being	39
Citizen Complaint	116
Citizen Transport	1
Civil Matter	13
Class A Possession	2
Class D Possession	2
Community Policing	58
Confidential Report	4
Cruiser Damage	1

D	
Delegated Patrol	540
Damaged Property	37
Denied F.I.D. Card	1
Denied License to Carry	1
Detective Investigation	3
Disorderly/Disturbance	15
Dispute	76
Disturbed Person	5
Domestic, Domestic Abuse	41
E	
Emergency Service	4
Erratic Operation	81
F	
False Alarm	1
Fire Alarm	130
Forgery/Counterfeiting	2
Fraud/Bad Check	1
G	
Gas Line Break	1
General Service	329
H	
Harassment	25
Hazardous Material	3
I	
Illegal Dumping	16
Injury On Duty	4
Intoxicated Person	2
J	
Juvenile Offense	9
L	
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	6
Larceny/Theft	95
Liquor Violation	2
Littering	3
Loitering	5
Lost Item	23

M	
Malicious Destruction	9
Medical Aid	203
Messenger/Mail Delivery	14
Mischievous Activity	9
Missing Person	9
Motor Vehicle – Complaint	59
Motor Vehicle – Disabled	123
Motor Vehicle – Stop	60
Motor Vehicle – Theft	6
N	
Noise Complaint	46
Notification	17
Obscene Mail	1
Officer Injured	1
O	
Operating Under The Influence Of Liquor	12
P	
Parking Complaint/Violation	3
Peeping Tom	1
Private Investigator	1
Property Found	40
Property Held	2
Property Missing	10
Property Stolen	5
Protective Custody	9
R	
Radar	6
Rape	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Recovered Motor Vehicle	5
Recreation Vehicle Violation	1
Repossession	4
Request Officer	11
Revoked Permit to Carry	2
Road Obstruction	62
Road Rage	9
Robbery	1
Runaway	5
S	
Service 209A	14
Service Request	32
Service Summons	5
Sex Offense	1
Shoplifting	7
Solicitors	9
Suicide Or Attempt	3
Suspended License to Carry	1

Suspicious Motor Vehicle - Persons	284
T	
Threat	19
Towed Motor Vehicle	5
Traffic Obstruction	8
Trespassing	6
U	
Unauthorized Entry	1
Unfounded Call	19
Unwanted Guest	14
Uttering	1
V	
Vandalism	39
Violation 209A	5
W-Z	
Warrant Arrest	27
Weapon Offenses - Discharge/Possession	3
TOTAL POLICE INCIDENTS	4,736

ARREST OFFENSE TOTALS	
A	
A & B	2
A & B By Dangerous Weapon	1
A & B On An Elderly Person	1
A & B On A Police Officer	3
A & B On A Public Servant	1
Assault	1
Assault DW	1
Assault With Intent To Commit A Felony	1
Attaching Plates To A MV	1
Attempt to Burn Dwelling	1
B	
B & E Night - Bldg.- Intent To Commit Felony	1
Breaking Glass In A Building	1
C	
Carrying A Dangerous Weapon	2
Carrying A Firearm W/O License	2
D	
Defective Equipment	5
Disorderly Person	6
Domestic A & B	8
Drinking Alcohol From Open Container & Operating MV	1

E-F	
Expired Inspection Sticker	1
Failure To Display Headlights	1
Failure To Display Registry Expiration Tags	1
Failure To Keep Right With View Obstructed	1
Failure To Stay In Marked Lanes	12
Failure To Stop For Police Officer	3
Failure To Stop For Red Light	3
Failure To Yield/State Highway	2
Falsifying Age To Purchase Alcoholic Beverage	1
G-K	
Giving False Information To A Police Officer	1
L	
Larceny Of Property Over \$250	3
Larceny Of Property Over \$250 (Variable)	1
Larceny Of Property Over \$250 (Single Scheme)	2
M-N	
Malicious Destruction Of Property Less Than \$250	4
Malicious Destruction Of Property Over \$250	4
Minor Transporting And/Or Carrying Alcohol	8
Motor Vehicle OUI, Drugs	2
Motor Vehicle OUI, Liquor	10
Motor Vehicle OUI, Liquor 2 nd Offense	3
O	
Operating After Revocation - Subsequent Offense	2
Operating After Suspension - Subsequent Offense	5
Operating Motor Vehicle After License Revoked	1
Operating Motor Vehicle After Revocation For Drunk Driving	2
Operating Motor Vehicle After Suspension	13
Operating Motor Vehicle Negligently As To Endanger	2
Operating Motor Vehicle Recklessly As To Endanger	1

Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle	3
Operating An Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
Operating Motor Vehicle Without License In Possession	2
Owner Failure To Have Motor Vehicle Inspected	4
Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Inspection Sticker	3
P	
Possession - Bottle With Flammable Liquid	1
Possession - Burglary Tools	2
Possession - Class A Substance	4
Possession - Class A Substance Intent To Distribute	1
Possession - Class B Substance	4
Possession - Class B Substance Intent To Distribute	1
Possession - Class D Substance	6
Possession - Class D Substance Intent To Distribute	2
Possession - Drug Paraphernalia	5
Possession - Firearm w/o Permit	1
Possession - Hypodermic Syringe, Needle, Etc.	4
R	
Rape	1
Rape Aggravated	2
Rape Of Child With Force	1
Receiving Stolen Property Over \$250	5
Resisting Arrest	2
Revoked Registration	1
S-T	
Seat Belt Violations	8
Shoplifting	3
Speeding	9
Threats To Commit Bodily Injury	1
U-Z	
Unlicensed Use Of A MV	8
Uttering A False Prescription	1
Violation of Protective Order	3
TOTAL OFFENSES WHICH RESULTED IN 122 ARRESTS	223

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS</u>	
Includes the following:	
416 Warnings	
922 Civil Infractions	
73 Complaint Applications	
51 Arrests	
A-B	
Attaching Plates	9
Blocking Intersection	1
C-D	
Care Changing Lanes	7
Defective Equipment	64
Drinking While Driving	1
Drug Paraphernalia	1
E-F	
Emergency Vehicle Obstruction	1
Emergency Vehicle Yield	3
Failure To Dim Lights	2
Failure To Display License Plate Sticker	21
Failure To Keep Right	
Obstructing View	2
Failure To Notify Registry Of Name change	11
Failure To Obey	11
Failure To Obey Police Officer	3
Failure To Slow For Pedestrian	1
Failure To Stop For Flashing Red Light	4
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian	2
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian In Crosswalk	1
Fail To Stop For Police Officer	8
Fail To Use Care	2
Fail To Use Care State Hgwy.	22
Follow Too Close State Hgwy.	23
G-K	
Giving False Name to Police Officer	3
Harsh Noise	1
Headlight Violation	20
Hit & Run Accident With Injuries	2
Hit & Run Accident With Property Damage	5
Impeded Operation	4
Improper	3
Improper Flares	1

Inspection Sticker Violations	314
Jr. License Hours Violations	1
L	
License Plate Violations	29
License Restriction Violations	2
Littering	2
M	
Marked Lanes	4
Marked Lanes Violation	49
Minor In Possession Of Alcoholic Beverage	4
Motor Vehicle Homicide	1
N	
No License In Possession	79
No Registration In Possession	36
O	
Operating A Motor Vehicle While Wearing Headphones	2
Operating After Revocation	7
Operating After Revocation 2 nd Offense	2
Operating After Suspension	23
Operating After Suspension 2 nd Offense	8
Operating After Suspension For OUI	1
Operating MV Negligently	1
Operating To Endanger	8
Operating Under The Influence Of Liquor	14
Operating Without A License	21

P-Q	
Passing Over Dbl. Yellow Line	15
Passing Violation	18
Possession Hypodermic Needle	1
R	
Racing	4
Red Light Violation	137
Revoked Registration	15
Right Of Way Violation	2
Right On Red Violation	9
S	
Safety Std	9
School Bus Violation	10
Seat Belt Violation	542

Signals	1
Slow Intersection	2
Speeding	542
Stop Light Violation	14
Stop Sign Violation	131
T	
Tinted Glass Violation	1
Turning In Wrong Lane	3
Two Abreast	3
U-Z	
Unauthorized Use of A Motor Vehicle	1
Uncovered Load	3
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	28
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	35
Valid Sticker Violation	11
Weaving	1
Yellow Light Violation	7
Yield Sign	1
Yield To Turning Vehicles Violation	1
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	2,388



ACCIDENT TOTALS BY LOCATION	
Birch Road	2
Boston Street	12
Central Street	5
East Street	8
Elm Street	1
Essex Street	3
Forest Street	5
Gregory Street	1
Hilldale Avenue	1
James Avenue	1
King Street	1
Lake Street	7
Leary Lane	1
Liberty Street	6
Locust Street	1
Logbridge Road	1
Lonergan Road	1
Manning Avenue	3
Maple Street	27
Meadow Drive	1
Mills Point	1
North Main Street	59
Overbrook Road	1
Park Street	1
Peabody Street	6
River Street	3
South Main Street	120
Thunder Bridge Lane	1
Village Road	10
Washington Street	3
Parking Lots	23
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	316

CHIEF'S REPORT

The following is a report of the activities of the Middleton Police Department for the period from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000:

Having completed my third year as the Chief of Police, I continue to face each new day and each new challenge with enthusiasm. My employment has actually become more of an avocation than a vocation for me.

As you will see from the statistics that follow, the officers of your police department were very busy this year. This comes as no surprise as the population of the town increases and as the flow of traffic increases. One only needs to be on Routes 114 or 62 during the morning or afternoon commute to become aware of this trend.

I am pleased to report that as midnight struck on December 31, 1999, we were comfortable with the fact that we had spent many months assuring ourselves that our radio and computer systems, as well as other equipment which was time and date sensitive, were "Y2K" compliant. Much excitement was generated as we all anticipated entering the year 2000 but the year started without event. A few events challenged our resources but, not surprisingly, our people persevered. A major event of the year not only presented us with a challenge not seen before but also had an adverse effect on the town and its residents. In June of 2000, we had the unpleasant task of arresting a local male due to allegations of sexual improprieties. Although not surprising, I was pleased to note how the residents and agencies within the town came together to assist one another to get through this terrible chain of events. This investigation also took its toll on the police department, financially and emotionally. As this report is being written in November of 2000, the investigation continues.

Throughout the year I attended several meetings at Masconomet as officials from the three towns met to discuss a violence prevention plan for the Masconomet Regional School District. As we have seen nationwide, no community, small or large, is immune from outbreaks of violence and it was gratifying to see town officials, educators and students meet together to take preventative measures.

Officers Tom McParland and Dave Arathuzik distributed *Jimmy Fund* collection cans throughout the town for me and then replaced them as they filled up. Fund raising for the *Jimmy Fund* is a project that the Middleton Police Department has participated in for as long as I can recall. Each May I join with other members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association for a visit to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to meet with the children there, and again in September, when we meet to participate in the *Jimmy Fund Walk*. These efforts allow us to donate close to \$1,000 to the *Jimmy Fund* each year.

Every year since the passing of Sergeant Edward Couture we have participated in a number of events to honor fallen officers. During Law Enforcement Memorial Week in May, Sergeant Gayle Haley and I accompany Mrs. Couture and her children to Washington DC where we honor and remember the loss of her husband, the loss of each officer of that year and the memory of all fallen officers. Gayle and I also participate with the children who are survivors in counseling and play sessions at the FBI Academy. I can tell you that it is a toss-up as to who benefits most, them or us! In addition, during May some of us bring Ann Couture and her children to the Annual Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Day Observances at the Massachusetts State House where the names of all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in Massachusetts are read. This past year some of us assisted at the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Half Marathon and 5K Race in Melrose. Throughout the State, law enforcement

officers and communities are raising funds to build a memorial wall at the State House. I want to express my very sincere thanks to Paul Richardson of **Richardson's Dairy** who has already contributed funds toward this noble project. Any other donations, which will help us reach our goal, will be gratefully accepted.



I continue to seek out training that will help me manage your police department efficiently and productively. To this end, I attended many seminars and classes. In October, Chief Michalski and I spent a day learning about potential dangers from chemical and biological terrorist threats and what state and federal agencies are available to assist our community. Do not kid yourself into thinking that the bucolic, rural community of Middleton is not at risk. In any event, it is better to have this knowledge and not need it than to need it and not have it.

I also spent five days in North Carolina at the International Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Training Symposium. I had the opportunity to view advances in technology in the field of law enforcement and network with Chiefs from all over the world. Additionally, I attended workshops on topics such as: Challenging the Organizational Culture; Understanding the New Breed of Cop; Generation X in Law Enforcement; Media relations; The Impact of Emerging Technologies; and Public Information for the Small Agencies. During February and March I attended sessions on Effective Employee Record Keeping in Massachusetts, Violence in our Schools: Prevention and Response, and Fundamentals of Personnel Law for Supervisors.

In April I was fortunate to have been nominated to attend a two-day seminar for Chief Executive Officers at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia. I gained extremely valuable information about dealing with those types of tragedies and, because of my participation officers of our department are eligible for similar training.

I am sure the reader is aware of my very deep concern for the emotional well being of the officers of the Middleton Police Department as well as for officers of all public safety agencies. For too long we have expected public safety officers to deal with events such as horrific fatal accidents, the loss of a child, sudden or traumatic deaths, fires, domestic situations, child abuse or prolonged rescue attempts and then go on with their day and life as if nothing out of the ordinary has occurred. It is not long before these types of events have an adverse effect on the health and emotional well being of those who have to deal with them. For this reason I attended a two-day course of study on Critical Incident Stress Management and I am working with public safety officials on the North Shore to develop teams of peers who can help their co-workers as they deal with events that can cause serious disruptions in their lives.

Finally, because of my participation with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, I was able to avail myself of seminars such as Proactive Leadership, Maintaining a Motivated Work Force, Setting and Maintaining Standards, Professional Development Training, Policies and Procedures, Practical Skills, Internal Affairs, and Racial Profiling and Law Enforcement.

Two programs mentioned in last year's report continue to be offered to residents. Officer Tom McParland has joined Officer Robert Currier as a Child Safety Seat Technician. Tom spent a week in a very intensive course to learn how to be sure that safety seats are installed properly in cars. Both officers are available to residents as we help to insure that your most valuable cargo is safe as you traverse the Commonwealth's highways. We also offer the Watch Your Car Program. You can view information on both programs by visiting our web site at <http://www.mdc.net/~mpdpolice/>.

Personnel

At our annual Town Meeting in May I presented a proposal to residents suggesting that we add two officers to the force, thereby allowing us to have three officers on duty during the day and evening hours and possibly being able to leave the police station open until at least midnight. My request was passed unanimously. Unfortunately, it needed to pass a Proposition 2 ½ override at the polls the following week and it failed by fifty votes. Obviously, the need for those officers is still present and will only get more profound. Town Meeting also approved the addition of two reserve officers to the reserve force and the Board of Selectmen and I will work on hiring those individuals after July first. Reserve officers are an important component of the Middleton Police Department as they cover time off for the regular officers and are able to assist during events that tax the capabilities of the full-time force.

Grants

This year we continued pursuing avenues to provide increased services to residents without having a negative effect on the tax base. Officer Robert Currier joined me and Sergeants DiGianvittorio and Haley in seeking these funds that totaled well over \$50,000. As a result of these funds we were able to continue present programs such as D.A.R.E., Citizen Police Academy, specialized training, the Middleton Police Department web page, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program, patrols for drunk, aggressive and reckless drivers and seatbelt and child safety seat enforcement. Please excuse my repetition of a statement from last year but **SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES**. Please take the time to safely secure your children and then use your seat belt. It is the right thing to do. We also had funds to put non-uniformed police officers in liquor stores as we try to prevent underage drinking. These funds also make it possible for you to contact me at mpdpolice@netway.com. We secured funds that allowed us to increase our technological capabilities as we purchased a laptop computer and a projector which have already proven their worth during our in-service training sessions. Additionally, grant money was used to issue each officer an alphanumeric page that enhances our ability to contact officers in the event of an emergency.



I am also a member of the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association. One of the committees on which I serve was able to secure a \$100,000 grant to set up a computer network between the Essex County Towns and the Essex County Sheriff's Department. That grant was made possible because of a grant match of \$50,000 provided by Sheriff Frank Cousins. This network allows half of the Essex County Police Departments to communicate with each other and the Essex County Correctional Facility. We are also able to share information such as photographs and booking data. Our committee is already working on a grant for next year that will connect all of the Essex County Police Departments. The Essex County Chiefs of Police also obtained a grant that allowed us to purchase one hundred and forty portable radios and four mobile repeaters. This equipment will be housed in four different areas of the county and will be available to police and fire departments as needed.

Equipment

Funds were allocated to me at the May Town Meeting to purchase a mobile radio. This allows us to have a radio in each of our cruisers. I will continue to attempt to replace the older model radios at future town meetings, one at a time. Through the efforts of many, including Senator Bruce Tarr and Sheriff Frank Cousins, we were finally able to raise a new antenna tower at the Essex County Correctional Facility. The original tower toppled several years ago resulting in our antenna being

lowered to a height which often left us without adequate communications between cruisers and portables. As I continue to try to improve our radio system, I will attempt to seek co-operation from cellular phone vendors as they build towers or rent space on existing towers. By using their personnel to mount additional antennas in key spots around town, I will be able to vastly improve our system and save thousands of dollars at the same time.

Our in-house computer system has served us well since 1994. I am aware that it needs to be upgraded (it probably was considered an antique by 1997). Our vendor has indicated that they will cease to offer support for it within two years. I am currently studying my options and will present a proposal to Town Meeting in a year or two.

Recommendations



First is the previously existing need to add two officers to the department. Our population continues to grow, as do the demands on our time for traffic control. As a taxpayer in Middleton, I understand the need to slow the increase in our tax rate. As a citizen and as your Chief of Police I am also aware of the need for additional personnel. I will work with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee as I plan to again present this need at Town Meeting. If those boards determine that the appropriate avenue for funding these positions is a Proposition 2½ override, please consider giving me your support on this very important matter. As I promised last year, I will continue to seek federal funds to help offset the costs for at least the first three years.

Last year's Town Meeting gave me funds to hire a firm to help determine the space needs of the police department. The building we moved into in 1983 needs work and renovations appropriate for a growing department and community. I hope to have a proposal for you for the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

As previously mentioned, there continues to be some areas in town that our radio reception is less than perfect. I hope to have at least two new antennas mounted by May 2001, one on the new tower on North Main Street and one on the Bostik tower. I will be seeking funds at the May town meeting to purchase a receiver for each tower and a comparator for the police station. Motorola, the company that supports our radio system has indicated that they can no longer guarantee parts for our Bapern repeater. That unit is used to communicate from the police station to other North Shore communities connected to the Bapern system. It will need to be replaced and I suspect that I will approach Town Meeting for the funds in FY '02.

I have stressed in the past the importance that I place on training for the officers of the department. That emphasis will never diminish and will only increase as society and laws become more complicated. I plan to increase my training budget next year to have the funds to have our officers participate in a five-day training course at the Criminal Justice Training Academy in Reading. We currently attend four days.

Each of our cruisers has a Mobile Data Terminal installed. Most departments have replaced those terminals with laptops. I made a request for federal funds last year to upgrade our technology but there were too many requests for too few dollars. Last year we were informed by the Department of State Police, from which we avail ourselves of those MDT services, that they were going to eliminate that program as they also plan to upgrade to the new technology. I had a successful meeting with Colonel DiFava of the State Police who agreed to keep the system running as long as possible to give departments such as Middleton time to upgrade. During Fiscal Year 2001 I will join forces with Sheriff Cousins as we partner in an attempt to secure federal funds for that equipment. If we are not successful I anticipate that I will request the funds from Town Meeting in FY '02.

Acknowledgements



I would like to first acknowledge the understanding and co-operation from residents who have had the experience of being subjected to a delayed response to a request for service. There are times when we have to prioritize calls and you can be assured that the officers are doing their best to respond to your needs.



Again, our Pumpkin Festival and the Fourth of July Parade would have not been possible but for the dozens of volunteers and also but for the fact that our officers agreed to return on their off duty time to make sure things went smoothly.



I am fortunate to have a command staff capable of accepting their responsibilities, showing initiative, and doing so very well during my absence. Thank you.



My thanks to Nancy McParland and Kris Stickney. I very much appreciate the efforts you each take to keep things moving smoothly.



Public Safety and Public Service in Middleton is a successful partnership with the rest of the Town's agencies and department heads. Collectively we are responsible for this community we serve and, in my opinion, serve well.



No police department is an island and thus it is necessary to extend my thanks to the surrounding police departments as well as the Massachusetts State Police for their excellent co-operation this past year.



My thanks to the Town Administrator, Ira Singer, the Board of Selectmen and everyone at Memorial Hall. That partnership helps to make us a success.

Finally, I will repeat my words from last year: *Most importantly, and only lastly because I want this thought to be foremost in the reader's mind, I want to thank each and every one of the members of the Middleton Police Department. I'm proud to be associated with you. I'm proud of your accomplishments, many of which go unheralded and I thank **you** for the credit that I receive for all of your good work.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul F. Armitage, Chief of Police

Firearms Instructor

As Firearms Instructor for the Middleton Police Department, I attended a Firearms Instructor Recertification Program, which was given by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. This year a new program was instituted by the Council which puts more emphasis on actual shooting scenarios rather than just trying to put holes in a piece of paper. The Council has given instructors numerous courses to train with. The program I chose is a combination of combat shooting as well as real life confrontations. The goal is to make tactical shooters, rather than a target shooter.

In the past police officers were not taught multiple advisory (rapid firing) shootings. This year I instructed the officers in a program that will assist them in the event of multiple advisory confrontations. The Training Council has given instructors a bit more leeway at the on-range portion of the qualifications. The Council requires all courses shot to be documented and submitted with the officer's final qualification score of 80% or better. Once again, the officers had to demonstrate safe weapon handling, familiarity with the weapon and ability to disassemble, clean, inspect and reassemble the pistol. During the range portion, our police officers had to also be trained and certified with the department shotguns.

I'm proud to report that all the members of the Middleton Police Department successfully completed the range portion of the program. Every officer scored 80% or better. All officers: **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

The Police Department also trained again this year in low light conditions, called "Night Firing." Statistics show that most officer-involved shootings occur in either low light or dim light firing and in the past most departments failed to train their officers in these conditions, including the Middleton Police Department. The officers were astonished as to the difficulty that the low light conditions play on a shooting scenario.

Again, this year, the Middleton Police Department would like to thank the Danvers Fish and Game Club for their cooperation and support in assisting us in range time qualifications and those range masters who volunteered their time to assist us at the range.

As we move into the year 2001, the Middleton Police Department will be looking into the new and modern technology in the field of Firearms training and Officer survival. One way in the right direction will be with our updated ballistic vests.

The Chief has sent me to school once again this past year to learn about current threats to our society, such as "Weapons of Mass Destruction", and Critical Incident Command School. The Chief also sent me to become certified Police Hostage Negotiator. This training was conducted by the F.B.I. and consisted of a one week, intense hands on training course.

We as police officers have to worry not only about the criminal with a gun or knife, but as we see all too often in this country on the television or in the newspaper, people committing heinous crimes to innocent people in small towns not unlike Middleton. In this day and age school violence has become a big issue. As we have seen all too many times on television lately, a youth has obtained a weapon and has become another statistic. Therefore, it is up to us as police and parents to educate and be aware of any of the warning signs before this happens again.

HOME STORAGE OF FIREARMS

Family Considerations:

If you have a family, your responsibility does not end with the proper storage of firearms. It is necessary to educate family members regarding the responsibility of having firearms in the house and the safety considerations involved. In this case, education should attempt to place the proper perspective for your spouse and children. The two extremes to be avoided are:

1. Do not make the firearm into a "Forbidden Fruit".
2. Do not treat it so lightly that a child will consider it a toy to play with.

The family should understand that it is a firearm with no innate quality of good or evil. Depending on how it is used it can be used to defend life or take it. Children over the age of four should be helped to understand that the real firearm is unlike the guns used to shoot each other in the cartoon. Cartoons don't get hurt or die. When real people are shot with real guns they are seriously injured or killed.

If your child has experienced death through the loss of a relative or pet, you might use this as an example. This may be traumatic to the child and you. However, this is a small price to pay for the desired result- SAFETY.

Experiences suggest that if one looks ahead and takes the time to plan for the unexpected, if the family members are educated about firearms and the home safety rules are agreed upon, then a moment of carelessness may not result in tragedy.

As a side note I would like to take this time to inform those who do not know about the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998. The new law has significantly changed the requirements regarding the purchase, possession, carrying and storage and licensing of firearms. This law also increases the criminal penalties for unlawful possession and use of firearms.

- Effective June 1, 1998, all new firearm license applicants must complete a certified firearms safety or hunters education course.
- Effective October 21, 1998, all firearms MUST be stored in a locked container or be equipped with an approved locking device.
- Effective October 21, 1998, the law imposes a ban on covert guns, unreliable guns (junk guns) and certain assault weapons.
- Effective October 21, 1998, the law established a new category of large capacity weapons and feeding devices.

A weapon is large capacity if it is: A semiautomatic handgun or rifle that is capable of accepting a feeding device that holds more than 10 rounds, or more than 5 shotgun shells (in the case of a shotgun).

Anyone with questions feel free to contact me at the Police Station or visit our web site.

OCAT INSTRUCTOR

Oleo Resin Capsicum (O.C. Instructor)

O.C. is classified as an inflammatory agent, and is used as a tool by the police for the protection of both the public and the officer. Each officer must pass a test and receive training as to the effects and treatment of the O.C. Spray.

Each member of the Middleton Police Department was again recertified in the use and effects of Oleo Resin Capsicum. Each member of the Middleton Police Department has at one time or another been exposed to the spray during training and has been responsible for decontaminating and treatment to themselves or another officer. The theory behind each officer being sprayed during training is to give validity and hands on experience if needed to testify to its effects when using it on an unwilling subject.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY DIRECTOR

The Citizen Police Academy is a program where we invite residents, 18 years or older from the community, to participate in an eight-week course to introduce what the police department here in Middleton is all about.

Our goal is to educate the class on some of the aspects of the job, such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, domestic abuse, juvenile justice, general officer safety, drunken driving, etc. The feedback that I have received about the course has far exceeded our expectations, we have been able to add and tweak the program from suggestions we receive from the alumni.

The Middleton Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all the past alumni who were involved in the four years of the Citizen Police Academy. It has been my pleasure to work with so many citizens who have come and learned about what we do and why we do it. This year on the completion of the 2000 CPA (Citizen Police Academy) we invited all the past alumni to help honor our graduates, and we had a small reception immediately after the ceremony.

The fifth Annual Citizen Police Academy course is scheduled for March of 2001. Anyone seeking further information either call the police station or visit our web site for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant

J u v e n i l e O f f i c e r

This year marks the ninth year of my services as the departmental Juvenile Officer. It is with great satisfaction that I continue to work with our teenagers and parents who have been in need of assistance in our community. Each month the Juvenile Officers of the Tri-Town area and officials of the Masconomet Regional School District meet to discuss our mutual problems. These meetings are held at the High School.

This year I have attended meetings hosted by the Tri-Town Council and seminars given by the District Attorney's Office. Topics included Teenage Violence and Abuse, Search and Seizure Issues, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting, Community Collaborative Initiative, Civil Rights: Juvenile, Teenage Crime and Violence, and Violence Prevention. This collaborative consists of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Court Probation, and Masconomet teaching staff and the guidance department. There are also representatives from the Department of Social Services, Department of Youth Services, Department of Mental Health and surrounding Police Departments.

The goal of these meetings is to allow us the opportunity for early intervention and prevention efforts. We consult on violence prevention initiatives and strategies. These meetings provide a valuable resources by cutting down on duplication of efforts and by the sharing of ideas and strategies to assist individuals who may be headed to "high risk" behavior, be it drugs, alcohol, abuse, or crime. Crisis intervention for families is also provided and additional services are available for families in need.

The use of alcoholic beverages by teenagers continues to be of paramount concern for our communities. Despite the many efforts by all, this problem is increasing. Parents need to take a more proactive role in the monitoring of their children's activities in conjunction with the efforts of the police and school personnel. If you know or hear of anyone who is in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department. All calls will be held strictly confidential! Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our town and its citizens.

JUVENILE OFFICER

Sgt. John E. Jones



D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education

With the ever-increasing hustle and bustle of today's society, our children must learn to deal with pressure in every aspect of their lives. Never mind the pressure of just growing up and trying to fit in, they are also faced with the pressure of passing MCAS tests, avoiding drugs, alcohol and violence and keeping up with a fully loaded schedule. They are constantly being bombarded with information. Sometimes this information can be misleading or confusing.

Information reaches our children from many different sources. These sources may not always be reliable or they may be giving our children more information than they are ready for or perhaps it comes in a manner difficult for children to understand. I am sure that at one time or another, as parent, you wished you could put your child's homework in the form of a cartoon or commercial or even a song. Your child may not be able to tell you who Mark Twain, Dwight Eisenhower or the Fonz are, but I'll bet they know the Simpson's and the Back Street Boys by name. Some of you can probably still remember the words to the Education Rock commercials like "I'm just a Bill" or "Conjunction Junction" that were strategically placed between the Saturday morning cartoons a (long) while back. Well, just like educators found ways to reach us as children, efforts are being made to reach today's children. One way we at the Middleton Police Department are reaching out to the children of this community is through the D.A.R.E. program.

The D.A.R.E. program is presented by the Middleton Police Department in conjunction with Middleton Public Schools to all sixth grade students. Funding for the program is partially provided through a grant awarded to the Police Department from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs. The program incorporates seventeen different lessons into forty-five minute segments and is presented to sixth grade students by an uniformed police officer during regular school hours. Each segment is carefully designed to help children improve their self-image, learn facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco, make positive choices and understand the consequence of their choices. Additional activities are held throughout the year to reinforce some of the lessons taught.

Although students participate in the D.A.R.E. program during school hours they are required to complete a few homework assignments and an essay before they can successfully complete the program. The essays are used to determine which student will represent Middleton in the Statewide D.A.R.E. culmination ceremony held at the State House in June. This year's winner was Vanessa Musto. Vanessa accompanied Sgt. Haley to Boston where she received citations from Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brian Cresta. Vanessa also received a certificate from the Executive Office of Public Safety acknowledging her commitment to live drug and violence free. Vanessa was an outstanding representative for the students of Middleton.

Students who successfully fulfilled the requirements of the program were treated to a day of challenges and adventure at the Brown Center at the University of New Hampshire. Students, teachers and police officers embarked on a daylong trip to the Center where they had an opportunity to challenge themselves on several rope obstacles. Some of the obstacles are 15-20 feet high. The children may not know this at the time but their lessons are ongoing. They are responsible for the safety of their classmates and must learn to trust one other. The day also provides an opportunity to enjoy an informal interaction with teachers and police officers. The teachers and the police officers don't have such a bad time of it either. The enjoyment worked both ways. At a culmination ceremony held at Howe-Manning School each student that completed the program received a certificate and a tee shirt. It is the hope of the Middleton Police Department that this program will be presented to students in the upcoming school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gayle Haley, D.A.R.E. Officer

TRAINING

In an effort to better serve the Middleton Community, the Middleton Police Department has established a training schedule to keep all officers up-to-date on the latest developments in law enforcement. Each full time officer attends a weeklong training course sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. During the week, officers are briefed on legal matters including constitutional and case law changes and interpretations. Officers also receive recertification in First Responders and CPR training as well as information regarding recent trends in the many aspects of law enforcement.

Several officers had the opportunity to attend specialized training offered by various agencies throughout the course of the year. Although in a department of this size it would not be frugal to train each officer in every aspect of police work, Chief Armitage realizes the necessity of retaining well-trained officers to handle the needs of the community. To that end, training was provided in a multitude of areas including hate crimes, search warrants and violence in schools. Excessive costs and limited manpower are often obstacles in providing training, however, with the assistance of a federal domestic violence grant awarded to the Middleton Police Department each of our three sergeants was able to attend a five-day training seminar hosted by the Massachusetts State Police Violent Criminal Apprehension Program on the topic of sexual assault and stalking. Other officers attended several one-day conferences on that topic.

Chief Armitage is not only committed to keeping all officers up-to-date in different areas of training, he is also committed to keeping himself at the forefront of the latest trends in law enforcement. Chief Armitage attended specialized training at the Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Virginia, which covered the topic of protecting children online. Sergeant Haley attended the Unit Commanders session of the same training. The Chief also attends monthly training provided by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

Full time and reserve officers also receive training in-house throughout the course of the year. Reserve officers renew their certifications in First Responder and CPR during in-house training sessions.

As the Middleton Police Department continues to work toward State Accreditation, training will remain a top priority. It is the goal of this department to keep all of its officers proficient and current in the many different aspects of law enforcement. It is our hope that this commitment will provide our officers with the tools necessary to meet the ever-changing needs of this community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gayle Haley
Training Officer



Domestic Violence

The laws as they relate to domestic violence are often amended or the courts interpretation of them changed to assist the victims and children involved and to hold the batterers accountable. A call for service involving domestic violence is one of the most difficult calls an officer will respond to. Not only is the officer's own safety of great concern but the safety of the children and victims is paramount. Domestic violence situations frequently involve alcohol and the officer can often become the target of the batterer's rage and the victim's fear.

When called upon to intervene in a domestic violence incident the officer must realize that he or she may be the victim's first contact with the criminal justice system, therefore, the officer plays a key role in the implementation of the Abuse Prevention Act. The Abuse Prevention Act was first signed into law in July of 1978. Over the years, several changes and additions have been made to the law known as Chapter 209A. These changes have been enacted to provide the victims with more rights and protection and the batterers with less power over the victims. An abuse prevention order, commonly known as a restraining order, is in many cases the victim's first step toward ending a cycle of abuse. A restraining order is granted by a judge and may command the abuser (defendant) to do one or more of the several options allowed by law. Some of the options a judge may impose are for the abuser to refrain from abusing the victim, (plaintiff) or to stay away from the victim, a certain home address or work address. A judge may order the abuser out of the household or to pay support or may award temporary custody of minor children to the victim. In all cases a judge will order that the abuser surrender immediately any license to carry firearms, firearms identification cards or weapons to the police department serving the order. Prevention Abuse Orders are valid for a period of time to be determined by a judge. An order obtained on an emergency basis, or when the court is closed, will remain in effect until the next court day. An order issued in court is valid for ten days at which time a hearing is scheduled to allow the judge to hear from both parties involved. After a ten-day hearing is held the judge may continue the order for up to one year at which time another hearing is scheduled. After the one year hearing, the order may become permanent. A judge, upon the request of the victim, may amend, allow to expire or vacate an order at any time during its applicable time frame.

Although a restraining order can be a valuable tool in stopping the cycle of abuse, it is not the only tool. Just as there are several agencies in place to assist the victims of domestic violence, there are also several agencies available to provide counseling to perpetrators of domestic violence. Often times, in conjunction with adjudication of criminal charges resulting from a domestic violence incident, it is mandatory for the abuser to attend a batterer's program, alcohol counseling or an anger management program. If the perpetrator of domestic violence is incarcerated these programs are offered through the correctional system and are often a component of the defendant's probation.

In January of this year, the Abuse Prevention Statute, Chapter 209A was further amended to provide for the confidentiality of certain information. The information included in this amendment to be kept confidential is the plaintiff's current and former residential address(es), telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's workplace. According to the statute this information "...shall be kept confidential from the defendant and the defendant's attorney and shall be withheld from public inspection except by order of the court; provided, however, that such portions of such records shall be accessible at all reasonable times to inspection by the plaintiff, the plaintiff's attorney and to others specifically authorized by the plaintiff to obtain such information; and provided further, that such portions of such records shall not be kept confidential from the defendant and the defendant's attorney if they are required to appear on a court order against such defendant issued under the provisions of this chapter....."

Lawmakers are currently working on new legislation that would provide a criminal harassment statute. This statute would narrow the loophole for those cases that do not meet the criteria covered by the current stalking law but are nonetheless injurious to the victims. The anticipated effective date of the new legislation is November of 2000.

Teen dating violence is another area of concern for lawmakers and those of us responsible for enforcing the laws. Many young people experience abuse in their relationships and that abuse may be a crime. Under the law you are "abused" if your former or current boyfriend or girlfriend is attempting to physically hurt you; physically hurting you; placing you in fear of serious physical harm; or causing you to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress. As a minor you are eligible for the same restraining orders as an adult provided you are in or have been in any of the following relationships: substantive dating relationship, living together in the same household, engaged or married; have a child together; or are related by blood or marriage. The law applies to all dating relationships – those between members of the opposite sex and those between members of the same sex. If you need assistance in an abusive dating situation, please get help. You can get further information about resources available to you through the Middleton Police Department or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Stop by the Middleton Police Department and pick up a copy of "Teen Dating Violence and Restraining Orders", this is a pamphlet put out by Attorney General Tom Reilly's Office or visit them on the web at www.ago.state.ma.us

As always, the Middleton Police Department is available to assist those in need of service. Whether it is an emergency order, court intervention, or a referral, the officers of this department are committed to ending the cycle of domestic violence.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sgt. Gayle Haley
Violence Prevention Liaison





Safety Officer

The responsibility of the safety officer in Middleton is to promote safety issues throughout the community and provide for safety during community events.

I have visited with each grade level at our elementary schools and summer camps. During these visits, I discuss safety issues with kids regarding 911, seatbelt usage, etc. In addition to learning safety, I find these visits promote a positive relationship between law enforcement and our local youth.

This year we participated in periodic meetings with tri-town police departments, school bus companies and school bus drivers to discuss safety issues and areas for improvement. In addition, we visit with local senior centers where safety issues of specific concern to seniors are discussed. In the coming year, we hope to make a senior driving improvement course available to local seniors.

The Middleton Police have attempted to increase seatbelt usage by annually participating in "America Buckles Up Children" campaign. In addition, a second officer has participated in the "Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program", sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. This course was given to bring the participants up to speed in the ever-changing passenger seatbelt and child safety seat design and recalls. With the information obtained in this course the Police Department has given child safety seat installation instruction to individuals free of charge. In addition, we have established safety seat checkpoints at local childcare facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrolman Robert Currier

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

34	New Dwellings	\$7,446,800
51	Additions	1,315,850
84	Renovations	738,885
15	Accessory Buildings	206,330
1	Wood Stoves/Chimneys	1,500
27	Swimming Pools	244,639
6	Residential Demolition	18,600
1	Temporary Mobile Homes	

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

1	New Commercial Buildings	\$67,500
35	Additions/Renovations	1,768,478
21	Signs	33,290
5	Miscellaneous	704,690
2	Commercial Demolition	15,000

GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDINGS PERMITS

0	New Buildings	
8	Addition/Renovation	\$347,199
0	Miscellaneous	
291	Total Building Permits Issued	\$12,908,761

FEES COLLECTED – FY '00

300	Building Permits	\$268,217
224	Electrical Permits	24,565
92	Plumbing Permits	19,019
82	Gas Permits	2,787
53	Occupancy Permits	965
1	Fines	1,085
752	Total Permit Fees Collected	\$316,638

INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED – FY '00

Building Inspections	719
Electrical Inspections	426
Plumbing/Gas Inspections	394
Total Trips	1509



There were 34 permits issued for new dwellings in FY 2000. In addition, permits were issued for two high-rise residential buildings at the Ferncroft containing 204 units. This project is to begin in the Spring of 2001.

There continues to be an increase in additions and renovations to existing residential homes. In excess of 2 ½ million dollars was spent on home improvements by homeowners this year.

The number of building permits issued has increased while other permits showed a minor decrease. However, the department collected \$316,638.00 in fees this year. A large portion of the collected fees came from the high-rise residential buildings.

During the year, I attended several seminars related to building construction. Attendance is required in order to maintain certification as an inspector.

Each month, I spend many hours reviewing plans for sub-divisions and commercial projects that are submitted for the Planning Board and Appeals Board approval. I thank the members of both boards for their continued cooperation during the year. The members of these boards spend many hours and are committed to making Middleton a better community. I commend them for their dedication and commitment towards this endeavor.

Also, a special thanks to the members of my staff and all other Town employees for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Aldenberg
Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Officer

Staff Members:
William Cashman, Local Inspector
Alfred Jones, Electrical Inspector
William Smith, Plumbing/Gas Inspector
Kathy Gray, Secretary



INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS

The responsibility of the Plumbing Inspector is to inspect the installation of waste, vent and water distribution lines in commercial establishments and residential dwellings.

The important issues inspected for are: properly vented fixtures to insure against sewer gas entering any building, proper pipe sizing for flow of waste materials and ample sizing of water distribution lines to feed fixtures in a building.

Plumbing Permits issued in Fiscal Year 2000: 92

The responsibility of the Gas Inspector is to insure that all heating units, gas appliances, fire place units, etc. are properly vented to prevent carbon monoxide gases from entering a dwelling or place of business. Other areas of inspection are: proper pipe sizing, location of vents that would be too close to combustible material, proper support hangers, and pressure testing every gas supply line.

Gas Permits issued in Fiscal Year 2000: 82

Number of combined Plumbing and Gas Inspections conducted in Fiscal Year 2000: 394

Respectfully Submitted,

William Smith
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

INSPECTOR OF WIRES



To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of The Town of Middleton, following is the Annual Report of the Inspector of Wires.

The Inspector of Wires is appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen. It is the responsibility of the Inspector of Wires to ensure that all wiring in and on buildings and property within the Town of Middleton is installed in a proper and safe manner. In order to accomplish this, permits are issued to licensed individuals to perform electrical work. Inspections are then made periodically during construction and at the completion of all work to ascertain that the work was performed in accordance with all applicable Codes and Standards.

In addition, the Inspector of Wires responds, when requested by the Middleton Fire Department, to check wiring in buildings damaged by fire or flooding.

In Fiscal Year 2000 there were 224 Electrical Permits issued and 426 Inspections were made. FY '01 is expected to be a very busy year based on the amount of new houses and subdivisions.

I would like to thank the other members of the Inspections Department, the Middleton Fire Department, and the Middleton Electric Light Department for their cooperation in our effort to make certain that electrical installations within the Town of Middleton are proper and safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred J. Jones
Inspector of Wires

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Town of Middleton Department of Public Works is:

- To construct and maintain the physical infrastructure that provides for the public's health and safety.
- To protect the environment.
- To enhance the quality of life, and to ensure that Middleton continues to be a desirable place in which to live and conduct business.

The mission of the DPW will be accomplished through an equitable and cost effective delivery of the following services and products:

Activities to ensure community health and protect the environment:

- The provision of water
- The drainage of surface water
- The disposal of waste refuse
- The recycling of waste
- The composting of leaves and yard waste
- The maintaining of all parks, cemeteries and recreation areas

Activities to provide for the safety of pedestrians and motorists:

- The construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks
- The provision of street signs, traffic signals, and pavement markings
- The sanding/deicing, plowing, and removal of snow

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton, I hereby submit the following annual report of the Department of Public Works for the period covering July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

The DPW roster for Fiscal Year 2000 consisted of the following full-time personnel:

- Robert L. Hoffman – Superintendent
- Kenneth Gibbons – General Foreman
- Frank Giordano – Water System Operator
- Florence Leary – Secretary
- William Mugford – Light Equipment Operator
- Ricky Gould – Light Equipment Operator
- Scott Saulnier – Light Equipment Operator
- David Ogden – Light Equipment Operator
- Anthony Bertino – Light Equipment Operator
- Glenn Osgood – Light Equipment Operator
- Paul Ajootian – Transfer Station/Light Equipment Operator
- John Linehan – Transfer Station/Light Equipment Operator

Part-time Transfer Station employees that worked throughout the year were:

- Anthony Guigliemi
- Ken Courtney

The following is a summary of work accomplished by division throughout the fiscal year:

HIGHWAY

The Department of Public Works road-resurfacing program for FY 2000 consisted of the following projects:

- The reconstruction of River Street (Phases II and III) neared completion with the start of the road relocation phase of River Street just beyond Flint Farm Road. The replacement of the culvert at Flint Brook progressed with the installation of an eighteen-inch reinforced concrete drain pipe and reinforced concrete head walls. Over ten thousand feet of bituminous asphalt topcoat was placed from South Main Street to Flint Farm Road during this period. The remaining portion of River Street would be completed in the early fall season of 2000, thus completing a project in which 2.04 miles of road was totally reconstructed.
- Planning began for the total reconstruction of East Street from Maple Street to the Boxford town line. This project, which will be started and completed in the fall of 2000, will replace 2.1 miles of road surface.
- This year the Town received \$127,107.52 in Chapter 90 funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was a reduction of more than \$65,000 in allocated funds from the state. The Town's road resurfacing appropriation of \$50,000 along with state funds provided the revenue source for these projects.
- The Town's 2.7 miles of gravel roads were graded twice during the year with materials being added where needed.
- The Town's accepted road mileage now stands at 44 linear miles with a total road inventory of 48 miles. With new subdivisions planned, this road total is sure to increase in the near future.
- The spring season brought the usual DPW clean-up effort with a total of 714 catch basins cleaned, all paved streets swept, and the street line-painting program completed by early May.
- The Town DPW also began a pedestrian awareness program by installing 48 highly visible fluorescent-yellow-green pedestrian/crosswalk, bus stop ahead, and children at play signs along various roads in town. The DPW also placed 8 highly visible pedestrian crossing devices at main intersections to notify vehicles of pedestrian crosswalks. These improvements were well received by many citizens.

SNOW & ICE

The 1999-2000 winter season was well below normal again with a total seasonal snow accumulation of 32.75 inches. The first snow fall occurred on January 13, 2000 (six inches of snow) and concluded with a final snowfall on April 26, 2000 (a half inch of snow). Plowing forces were called out five times to push back precipitation during the entire season. In between these events the deicing trucks were utilized many times to make the roads safe for residents.

CEMETERY

During the past year, there were 35 internments at Oakdale Cemetery. A total of 75 new lots were sold of which one was a single grave, 19 were double graves and 9 were four grave lot sales. Revenue collected from these lot sales amounted to \$10,495.00. DPW personnel installed 21 monument foundations, 8 flush markers and seven veteran markers during this period also.

The DPW crews spent many hours cutting and pruning the ten acres of grounds of the Oakdale Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. Maintenance of this beautiful memorial park during the remainder of the year was extremely difficult due to the wet weather and prolonged growing season.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Municipal recreation areas were addressed routinely during the year with grass cutting, tree and shrub pruning, trash removal and fertilization on a regularly scheduled basis. All baseball and soccer fields were maintained initially at the beginning of the season and thereafter with weekly grass mowing and line painting.

Safety fencing at the Emily F. Maher Recreation Park Soccer Fields on Natsue Way was installed this year and involved the placement of 420 linear feet of twelve-foot high chain link fence. Aluminum bleachers were also installed at the soccer field along Natsue Way. The Howe-Manning School playground equipment received some much needed safety maintenance through the efforts of the Playground Committee. The Committee was able to arrange this work as a result of generous donations and skilled labor supplied by many area volunteers.

WATER

During the past year the Middleton Water Division performed and accomplished the following tasks:

- Responded to two emergency calls: 1) a frozen/burst water meter at Oakdale Cemetery and
- 2) a hydrant struck by a motor vehicle on Forest Street.
- Repaired one minor water leak at Oakdale Cemetery.
- Repaired four fire hydrants.
- Issued 22 permits for new water services and 1 permit for a renewal of water service.
- Published the Annual Consumer Confidence Report as well as a number of other reports required by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Completed two rounds of testing of all backflow prevention devices in town, which is a requirement of the D.E.P.'s mandated Cross-Connection Program.
- Conducted weekly water sampling throughout the Town for lead and copper analysis, bacteriological analysis, chlorine residual and pH as required by the D.E.P.
- Conducted the Annual Hydrant Flushing Program in order to remove sediment and stagnant water from the supply mains.
- Began a Gate/Valve Exercising Program.
- Performed maintenance (sanding, painting and lubricating) on all 253 of the Town's inventory of fire hydrants.

Although the Town's water supply was plentiful during the past year due to the abundant rainfall, water conservation must remain a top priority to all citizens to ensure an adequate and equitable supply of this precious commodity.

The Town's distribution system inventory now contains 22.3 miles of water mains, 253 fire hydrants, and 1150 metered connections servicing approximately 3300 residents with an average daily consumption of 495,564 gallons of water.

Plans are underway to add almost 2.5 miles of water main along with 25 fire hydrants this fall due to extensive subdivision work that will be undertaken in various parts of Middleton. A water system hydraulic analysis and master plan will also occur in the near future to ensure the delivery of a safe potable water supply to the citizens of Middleton.

The following is the amount of water purchased from the Town of Danvers:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GALLONS PUMPED</u>
JULY	6,600,000
AUGUST	7,288,500
SEPTEMBER	59,371,500
OCTOBER	5,360,000
NOVEMBER	4,818,700
DECEMBER	25,990,500
JANUARY	3,725,716
FEBRUARY	5,194,860
MARCH	25,565,144
APRIL	4,061,640
MAY	4,583,744
JUNE	28,439,708

Total Water Purchased: 181,027,012 Gallons

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

The Middleton Transfer Station, which is in its third year of operation, continues to run well and provide a very efficient waste disposal service to the residents of Middleton. On April 1, 2000 the Department of Environmental Protection banned the acceptance of cathode ray tubes (television sets, computer screens, etc.) in solid waste disposal facilities. The Solid Waste Division began recycling this material at this time. The following is the amounts of resources that were either recycled or disposed at the transfer station during FY 2000:

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Residential Trash	1,863.00	Disposed
Plastics	12.74	Recycled
Mixed Paper/Cardboard	268.22	Recycled
Mixed Glass	28.22	Recycled
Tires (457 each)	2.74	Recycled
Christmas Trees (377 each)	6.03	Composted
Waste Oil (1,266 gallons)	4.43	Recycled
Leaves and Brush	147.00	Composted
Metals/White Goods	90.57	Recycled
Aluminum/Tin Cans	11.37	Recycled
Construction/Demolition Material	5.57	Disposed
Used Clothing	25.00	Recycled

Total Materials Disposed: 1,868 Ton

Total Materials Recycled: 596 Ton

GENERAL

Along with the various projects undertaken by the Department of Public Works, the following miscellaneous activities occurred:

- The DPW garage addition project began with site work that was donated to the Town and provided through the generosity of local contractor Andy Bouchard. After the foundation was completed, the North Shore Vocational High School donated the use of their masonry instructors and students to lay almost 6,000 concrete blocks in constructing the exterior and interior walls of the 100 foot by 50 foot public works garage expansion. These donations are greatly appreciated due to the fact that they have realized a saving of thousands of dollars to the Town. Middleton Building Inspector Bob Aldenberg has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground by using his knowledge, expertise and cost management. The DPW is grateful for his input and he should be commended for his service.
- The purchase and acquisition of a 2000 International 4900 Series Dump Truck was a welcome addition to the DPW fleet.
- The conversion of the Middleton Fire Department 1981 Ladder Truck into a full time sander/deicing truck came to fruition this year by modifying the chassis and installing a stainless steel sander unit. This enhancement will give the Town many years service and boost our ice control operation.
- The DPW took over the grounds maintenance of the Fuller-Meadow School, the Howe-Manning School and the Flint Public Library during the past year as well.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Middleton Electric Light Department, the Middleton Police and Fire Departments, the staff at Memorial Hall, the many committees and volunteer groups in town, and the citizens of Middleton for their support and assistance in all matters that have affected the day to day operation of the DPW. These dedicated community spirited individuals and the support services they provide are what makes Middleton a great place to live and work.

I commend the DPW office staff and the DPW personnel for the commitment and the sense of pride that they give to each and every assigned task. It has been my sincere pleasure to have worked alongside these dedicated individuals this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert L. Hoffman,
Superintendent of Public Works



New DPW Garage Construction
North Shore Technical High School Students and Teachers



Transfer Station
Safety Fencing at Soccer Fields



Spring Clean-up



River Street Paving



Fire Truck Conversion



New DPW Truck

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Report of the Board of Electric Commissioners

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Electric Commissioners respectfully submits its Annual Report for fiscal year, January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

Today, the electric power industry is experiencing unprecedented change. Deregulation and restructuring of the industry are once again changing the needs of Massachusetts Municipal Utilities. From federal regulations encouraging greater competition in wholesale power markets, to a new Massachusetts law allowing retail customer choice, the changes taking place today will change the electric industry forever.

With its knowledge of industry restructuring, and its experience in wholesale power markets, Middleton Electric Light Department (M.E.L.D.) is qualified to meet the current and future needs of its customers. M.E.L.D.'s staff is working to capture the benefits of electric industry restructuring, and provide the most reliable service at the lowest possible cost.

Historically, the low rates and superior service of consumer-owned utilities, such as M.E.L.D., have set the standard for measuring the prices and service of private, non-profit utilities. As restructuring of the Massachusetts electric industry continues, the need to measure the effectiveness of heightened competition is greater than ever. The yardstick used to measure the results of restructuring can be the non-profit municipal utilities of Massachusetts. The gap is widening between the rates charged by public and private utilities in Massachusetts. Private, investor-owned utilities recently hiked rates anywhere from 35 to 38 percent in the Boston area.

Middleton residents paid the second lowest electric bills in the State last year. A study, which compares 12-month average electric bills across Massachusetts, showed that Middleton residents who used 500 kwh paid bills averaging \$41.40 in 2000. That was less than every other City or Town in the State except for one other municipal system. Customers of the State's private utilities didn't fare as well. Boston residents paid an average of \$61.77 in 2000 for 500 kwh—an annual savings of \$244.44 for Middleton residents.

In 2000, the wholesale markets showed a dramatic escalation in the cost of energy compared to the prior year. During the fourth quarter of 2000, day-ahead on-peak energy traded between 5.5 cents and 13 cents per kwh. Middleton's charge to its consumers, including maintenance and operation, was 8.28 cents per kwh. Off-peak energy prices exceeded 4.5 cents. The general trend of escalating energy costs continues into 2001, driven by rising fuel costs. In fact, around-the-clock energy clearing prices, (the price Middleton paid when it entered the market) averaged 6.25 cents per kwh. In addition, the price for capacity has been set (for now) by FERC at \$8.75 per KW., a dramatic increase over the past prices. Looking to the year ahead, it is anticipated that fuel costs will remain relatively high and that wholesale energy costs will follow. Capacity pricing and congestion management will also be critical issues for public power and will require ongoing monitoring of developments in our region.

An example of volatile energy prices occurred on May 8, 2000. During the peak period, energy prices rose to \$6.00 a kwh!. If M.E.L.D. was in the market at that time an additional \$125,000 would have been paid for 5 hours of energy.

Table 1 – Revenues: Illustrate revenues by customer class from 1994 through 2000.

Billed operating revenue from the sale of electricity for 2000 amounted to \$9,044,254, as opposed to \$8,486,092 for the same period last year. Although income increased by \$558,162, expenses increased \$1,096,681, primarily due to rising energy costs. This is reflected in the net income statement.

Table 2 – Usage Detail: Illustrates an increase in energy consumption by 7,363,794 kwh or 7.48%. The demand for electricity, however, remained constant. All financial statements are available at M.E.L.D. which state all activities and balances.

The primary reason for the large increase in sales was due to the energy consumed by M.I.T. They were in operation for essentially the entire year. The outlook for the year 2001 is positive. M.I.T. is scheduled to be on-line for most of the year with the exception of June and July. If there is extreme weather conditions during these months, and the energy clearing price rises, M.E.L.D. will sell the excess at an increased price.

The following is a list of major construction that has commenced or that has been completed during 2000:

Approximately 5,500 ft. of Hendrix style construction has been installed from Meadow Drive to River St. Forty year old open wire, crossarm mounted wire has been replaced.

Reconductoring of Lakeview Rd., Spring Rd., and Randall Rd. will be completed. Poles, transformers, and old services have or will be replaced. This will alleviate trouble calls to this area.

During 2000 an additional 1000 automatic meter reading devices have been installed. This brings the total to approximately 1500 customers that have their meter read automatically. The remaining residential customers will have their meters changed by year end.

During the year 2000, M.E.L.D. constantly analyzed its contract with Select Energy. Select Energy provides approximately 50% of Middleton's load. This contract expires in 2003 at which time a new contract will have to be initiated. M.E.L.D. is now in negotiations with Select, along with other power supply providers to secure a firm power commitment for Middleton consumers for the future.

Also during the year 2000, negotiations with the sale of Vermont Yankee and the Seabrook power stations have continued. A settlement with respect to Vermont Yankee will materialize during the Seabrook sale will occur during 2002 and M.E.L.D. is monitoring this sale in order to protect the interests of Middleton consumers. Decommissioning and taxes are the main interest in this sale and M.E.L.D. has been actively involved in the New Hampshire Legislature with regards to decommissioning legislation.

Finally, at the Essex Street Substation, equipment has been purchased to provide increased service Reliability to Middleton consumers. An enhanced relay scheme, along with new breakers, will be installed in 2001.

M.E.L.D extends its appreciation to all Town Departments and their respectful employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred J. Jones, Chairman
Charles S. Clinch, III
Richard Kassiotis
A. David Lenzie
Frank W. Twiss, Clerk

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE TABLES
2000

TABLE 1 REVENUES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1994	1,896,051	1,142,793	5,063,000	89,570	102,573
1995	1,859,774	1,155,507	5,019,718	86,731	276,825
1996	1,879,981	1,120,542	4,563,313	90,629	226,622
1997	1,912,359	1,108,891	5,032,965	98,698	293,379
1998	2,035,571	1,234,126	5,145,396	106,217	295,134
1999	2,109,575	1,273,701	4,676,765	101,941	324,110
2000	2,126,563	1,303,429	5,015,175	105,557	493,530

TABLE 2 USAGE DETAIL

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>KILOWATT HOURS</u>	<u>DEMAND KW</u>	<u>METERS</u>	<u>COST PER KWH</u>	<u>POWER COST</u>
1994	88,908,641	15,920	2,308	0.068	6,039,333
1995	91,896,616	16,610	2,388	0.067	6,195,047
1996	92,859,685	17,870	2,456	0.069	6,417,429
1997	98,822,085	17,770	2,591	0.071	6,929,170
1998	101,156,220	19,768	2,651	0.067	6,741,000
1999	98,492,896	20,684	2,728	0.067	6,588,067
2000	105,856,690	20,529	2,931	0.071	7,520,389

TABLE 3 EXPENSES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	<u>BOND INTEREST</u>	<u>IN LIEU OF TAXES</u>
1994	6,650,205	2,444,462	458,939	104,950	76,600
1995	6,805,938	311,566	489,386	92,450	82,000
1996	7,106,359	296,363	304,331	84,200	88,000
1997	7,501,438	279,162	313,234	77,340	138,000 (a)
1998	7,683,562	242,073	325,400	71,880	140,000 (b)
1999	7,337,522	230,236	332,139	65,080	97,200
2000	8,407,797	249,227	339,554	59,755	94,700

(a) Includes \$ 50,000 in Howe Station Project.

(b) Includes \$ 50,000 in Howe Station Project

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2000

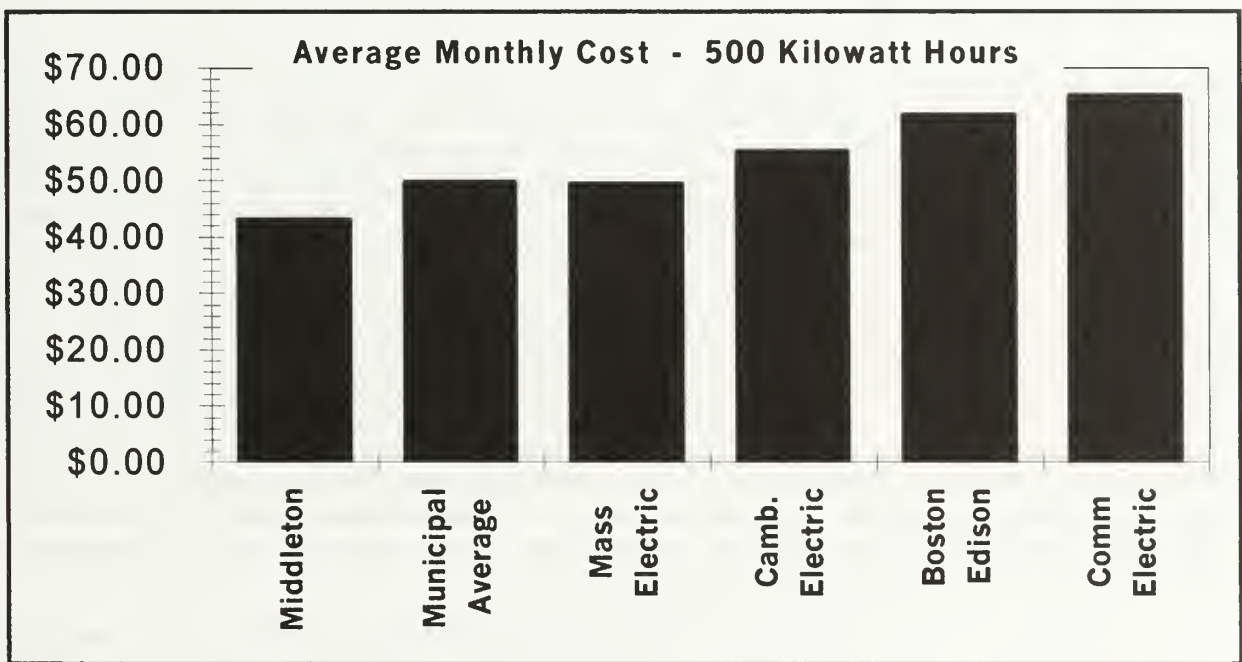
	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
OPERATING INCOME		
400 Operating Revenue	8,611,080	390,278
OPERATING EXPENSES		
401 Operation Expense	8,407,797	1,070,275
402 Maintenance Expense	249,227	18,991
403 Depreciation Expense.....	339,554	7,415
Total Operating Expenses.....	8,996,578	1,096,681
Operating Income.....	(385,498)	(706,403)
OTHER INCOME		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work.....	2,785	(99)
419 Interest Income.....	430,389	167,983
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		
Total Income.....	47,676	(538,519)
INTEREST CHARGES		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	59,755	(5,325)
431 Other Interest Expense.....		
Total Interest Charges.....	59,755	(5,325)
NET INCOME.....	-12,079	-533,194

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		8,427,123
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....	12,079	0
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		160,136
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....	0	
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	194,700	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	8,380,480	
	<u>8,587,259</u>	<u>8,587,259</u>

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 2000

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
ASSETS			
UTILITY PLANT			
101 Utility Plant - Electric	6,519,745	6,581,852	62,107
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation Fund	1,906,534	2,105,023	198,489
127 Rate Stabilization Fund	3,522,471	4,128,339	605,868
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Cash	650,987	376,209	(274,778)
132 Special Deposits	69,125	78,261	9,136
132 Working Funds	950	950	0
142 Customer Accounts Receivable	170,040	122,999	(47,041)
143 Other Accounts Receivable	224,385	6,557	(217,828)
146 Receivables from Municipality	0	0	0
151 Materials and Supplies	199,252	223,541	24,289
165 Prepayments	796,336	853,663	57,327
DEFERRED DEBITS			
183 Other Deferred Debits	31,119	28,420	(2,699)
Total Assets and Other Debits	14,090,944	14,505,814	414,870
LIABILITIES			
SURPLUS			
206 Loans Repayments	1,494,500	1,594,500	100,000
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments	10,041	0	(10,041)
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus	8,427,123	8,380,480	(46,643)
LONG TERM DEBT			
221 Bonds	1,000,000	900,000	(100,000)
231 Notes Payable	0	0	0
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
232 Accounts Payable	315,971	454,991	139,020
235 Customer Deposits	55,705	63,830	8,125
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities	86,749	98,224	11,475
DEFERRED CREDITS			
252 Customer Advances for Construction	105,076	53,863	(51,213)
RESERVES			
260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts	363,656	727,803	364,147
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contributions in Aid of Construction	2,232,123	2,232,123	0
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	14,090,944	14,505,814	414,870



CONSERVATION COMMISSION



New streets radiate out from the old as Middleton continues to "build out". Our town is very much in the midst of what is now called "suburban sprawl". Ogden Way, Sawyer Way (more than a little irony here, what would the late Henry Sawyer, our famous pioneer in area environmental protection, think if he knew a couple acres of forest covering asphalt were named in his honor?), Ingalls Way, Dearborn Way, and Jones Road were completed or started in this fiscal year. Two of the five are named for past Conservation Commissioners.

Henry Sawyer started Middleton's first commission in 1962 and served on it until 1980. In 1960, he and two others founded the Essex County Greenbelt Association, which has grown continuously since and now protects 290 acres in Middleton and thousands in the county. Dearborn Way off Locust Street, now being built, is named in honor of William Dearborn, W.W.II veteran and Conservation Commissioner from 1976 until his death in 1985.

And while on the subject of membership, in August 1999 the Commission regretfully received the resignation of Commissioner Warren Haas after 15 years of service. Mr. Haas kept a sharp eye on our wetlands and a fire going under our agents. Airline pilot and outdoors man Dennis "Skip" Milotzky moved into Mr. Haas' seat in the fall. Also in August, Gertrude Dearborn, wife of the late William, assumed the chairmanship from Leonard Kupreance, who has been a member since the Commission's formation in 1962. Mr. Kupreance still actively serves in this new millennium, 2001 will be his 39th year!

One of the large worrisome projects for the Commission and Town has been the capping of the Rubchinuk landfill at 131 East Street. At long last, it nears completion. A plastic membrane will cover the base fill, which is now in place. This will then be covered with a layer of sand and finally loamed and seeded in the spring of 2001. Ground water has been sampled from test wells around the perimeter at least twice a year since 1997. These samples are tested and the results submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission. Tests have shown levels above Massachusetts's drinking water standards for iron, manganese, and arsenic. These "exceedences" so called, are somewhat similar to those obtained in tests of groundwater from wells around the capped Town landfill off Natsue Way. These test results are available for public viewing at the BOH and Conservation Commission offices.

The Commission's main responsibility is to protect the wetlands (river, streams, ponds, swamps, wet meadows, and bogs). The landfill mentioned above covers about five acres of wetlands buried back in the 1970's and 1980's. We are charged under the Wetlands Protection Act with protecting the remaining wetlands and floodplains in the dump area and throughout Town. To this end our agents and we have:

Held 17 public meetings:

- Heard 29 Requests for Determination of Applicability. Such hearings review plans of work planned near wetlands to determine if the proposed project could have an impact on those wetlands.

- Reviewed 27 Notices of Intent and issued 27 Orders of Conditions permitting projects. Conditions are ordered to protect nearby wetlands during and after completion, e.g. haybales, riprap, detention ponds, etc.

- Heard requests for and issued six amendments, or allowed changes as insignificant, to six Orders of Conditions.

- Issued six "cease and desist" letters for violations of the Wetland Protection Act.

- Filed a complaint in District Superior Court against an alleged violator of the Wetland Protection Act. Litigation is pending as of this writing.

❧ Made approximately 205 site visits.

❧ Attended workshops and conferences having to do with wetland protection regulations, open space, stormwater management, plants, and soils.

An interesting phenomenon, largely beyond our control as of this date, but one very much affecting our wetlands has been the explosion of beaver activity in our streams and river. These prolific busy builders are exempt from the Wetland Protection Act and local regulations. There are now eleven known dams in town ranging in size from 7' to 165' long. In 1995 there were none here known to us. (There was one large, seemingly abandoned lodge east of Essex Street on Emerson Brook.) A dam on Pond Meadow Pond Brook has an impoundment behind it that covers 160 or more acres. Some tree species in it are dead or dying as a result of year round root/lower stem inundation. So far we've received no reports of road or cellar flooding. Beaver blocked culverts in Boston Brook between Watkins Way and Essex Street caused flooding over a nearby private well. If you have a problem with beavers please apply to the Board of Health for a permit before taking action against them. Also, the Commission would appreciate reports of any sightings of beavers or their structures, i.e. dams, lodges, etc.

The Commissioners have been insisting on buffers around wetlands at their hearings. These are strips of land that are not to be graded, clear-cut, or otherwise disturbed. It is now well known that in order to protect the water quality and wildlife functions of wetlands buffers are needed to absorb runoff, prevent erosion, and shade bodies of water are necessary. The River Protection Act passed in 1996 provides for 200-foot buffers on either side of perennial streams and rivers. Within these "riverfront areas" so-called, there are severe restrictions on building and other alterations. In order to protect upland wildlife habitat around our 3000 acres of invaluable wetlands the Commission is working on a local Wetland Protection Bylaw it hopes to present to you at the May 2001 Town Meeting. Most of the neighboring towns have such bylaws. Good healthy wetlands and uplands greatly enhance the value of our habitats as well as those of our fellow creatures. We ask for your support of the bylaw at Town Meeting.

In order to dramatize the need for further resource protection we are again including in this annual report the latest population and new dwelling figures for FY '00. In the last decade the population has risen from approximately 5200 in 1991 to 6717 in 2000, in just a decade a 33% increase! This year 34 new dwellings were built. There are now approximately 531 more than in 1991.

On a more proactive front, namely protection by land acquisition, the Commission and its sub-committee the Open Space Committee asked the Selectmen in March to remove 13 parcels totaling 66 acres from the public auction scheduled for April. They agreed. Most of these lots will be presented in an article to you at Town Meeting. It will ask you to vote them from general municipal use to conservation/open space land. Several of the larger lots are on the Ipswich River. Also, negotiations to purchase two other large parcels for open space continue as of this writing.

For questions regarding natural resources and the regulations for their protection please contact us at 777-1869, or write: c/o Conservation Commission, 195 North Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949

Respectfully,

Gertrude Dearborn, Chair
Leonard Kupreance and Sally Macdonald, Chair, Open Space Committee
Glenn Bambury and Dennis "Skip" Milotzky

Agents: Leo Cormier, Health Agent and Conservation Administrator
Pike Messenger, Assistant Conservation Administrator

Secretaries: Mary Farley, Conservation Secretary
Helen Freedman (also secretary to BOH and Board of Appeals)

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials to address issues of regional importance.

As one of 14 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MAPC has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program. Council membership consists of community representatives, gubernatorial appointees and representatives of city and state agencies all of whom collaborate in the development of comprehensive plans and recommendations in areas of population and employment, transportation, economic development, housing, regional growth and the environment. The 25 member elected Executive Committee meets 11 times a year. The full Council meets three times a year. Meetings are held at various localities throughout the region. The MAPC works with its 101 cities and towns through its eight subregional organizations. Each subregion has members appointed by the chief elected officials and planning boards of the member communities and is coordinated by an MAPC staff planner. The MAPC subregions meet on a regular basis to discuss and work on issues of local concern. The communities of Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester, Middleton, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wenham are members of the North Shore Task Force (NSTF), one of eight subregional organizations of MAPC. The municipal representatives of the North Shore Task Force subregion consist primarily of city and town planners.

This year, the North Shore Task Force:

- Hosted a regional workshop on Conservation Subdivision Design, which is a model bylaw study completed by MAPC with the Green Neighborhoods Alliance on an innovative land use technique to preserve land while accommodating development;
- followed the progress of the Essex National Heritage Commission and its work for historical preservation and open space protection throughout the Essex National Heritage Area;
- reviewed the Town of Ipswich's pioneering new Great Estates bylaw which seeks to preserve open space and historical resources while allowing for new development;
- reviewed the significant redevelopment planning efforts for the reuse and preservation of the Danvers State Hospital site;
- followed the progress of the Great Marsh Land Protection Team's work on North Shore open space planning;
- learned about municipal implementation guidelines for the adoption of the Community Preservation Act;
- received an update on the progress of the MBTA's North Shore Transportation Study;
- participated in the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan, the main document that will determine transportation investments and funding until 2025, by reviewing the region's existing conditions, policies, and growth management options;

- discussed the implications of potential growth as shown by buildout analyses for North Shore communities that were completed by MAPC; and
- followed the progress of the Community Development Plan and Housing Certification program under Executive Order 418.

Grow Smart North Shore

Over the past year, the North Shore Task Force also continued its public awareness efforts to educate North Shore residents about open space preservation and development issues in the region. The results of *Grow Smart North Shore*, a study that was completed by the Harvard University Graduate School of Design Studio for the North Shore Task Force in 1999, was presented at a number of public meetings throughout the subregion. The *Grow Smart North Shore* report was a product of the studio's extensive research into recent trends in development, as well as the existing conditions of open space and natural resources, in the North Shore area.

The report proposes the creation of a regional open space network that would ensure the preservation of the North Shore's natural resources as well as its economic vitality and regional character. The report reviews various means for implementing these strategies for new patterns of growth. In the past year, the North Shore Task Force discussed various action items to pursue, as recommended by the *Grow Smart North Shore* report. The Task Force is expected to continue its efforts around open space preservation and innovative development tools in the coming year.

Legislative

Working with state legislators, MAPC defined the parameters of a statewide road and bridge construction program under Chapter 87 of the Acts of 2000. The legislation will help to secure a more stable funding source and insure an annual \$400 million statewide road and bridge construction program. MAPC also played a key role in shaping and insuring the passage of legislation that reformed the funding of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Similar efforts this year led to the passage of the Community Preservation Act and reform of the Commonwealth's Zoning Enabling Act.

Buildout Analysis Projects

MAPC is continuing its work with the many local communities on Buildout Analyses throughout the region. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has funded this two-year long effort and has contracted with MAPC to complete a buildout analysis for every city and town in the metropolitan region. The purpose of the study is to create an approximate "vision" in quantitative terms of the potential future growth permitted and encouraged by a community's bylaws. If the level or type of potential future development shown in the buildout analysis is not consistent with the community's goals or vision for the future, the residents may choose to make appropriate changes to the regulations. Most of the communities in the North Shore Task Force subregion have had their buildout analysis completed during this past year. By the end of June 2001, every city and town in MAPC's region will have had their buildout analysis completed and publicly presented.



PLANNING BOARD

During Fiscal Year 2000, the Planning Board held twenty meetings. Twenty-five ANR's (Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Law) were filed. Of those filings, twenty were approved, four were denied, and one was withdrawn. Four preliminary subdivision plans were filed and approved. Two definitive subdivision plans were filed with one approved and one continued.

The preliminary subdivision plans that were approved included: Road A and Meadowlark Farm Lane, both located off Essex Street; Ryebrooke Estates Phase II located off Liberty Street; and Emerson Woods located off Lake Street. The Board approved the definitive subdivision plan for Ryebrooke Estates Phase I located off Liberty Street and continued the definitive subdivision plan for Essex Pond Estates.

There were 27 recommendations made to the Board of Appeals. The Board recommended granting eight variances, eight site plans and eleven special permits. The Planning Board did not recommend to the Board of Appeals three site plans, four variances and six special permits.

Recommendations for Articles 41 through 46, Articles 48 through 50 and Article 56 were made by the Board in support of the Master Plan. As can be noted from the above listed decisions, the Board has had an active year due to the continued growth of the town in both commercial and residential development. Additionally, two Board staff members supported and were members of the Master Plan Committee. The entire Board team held several discussion meetings to obtain public input regarding the proposed recommendations for consideration by the Master Plan Committee related to Zoning and Planning Board regulation changes.

The Planning Board sends its thanks to former secretary Karen Gardner for a job well done. Karen was hired as a part-time employee in November 1998 and became full-time in July 1999, joining the Inspectors Department and Planning Board. She left in April 2000. We thank her for her diligent efforts and good service. We welcome Kathy Gray who joined the Inspectors Department and Planning Board on a full-time basis in July 2000. The Planning Board also wishes to thank each of the various town boards and their department heads and staff for their support and professionalism in the activities we share to bring appropriate solutions to multi-discipline assignments we all undertake on behalf of the community. Special thanks to Robert Aldenberg and Robert Hoffman for the support and expertise they bring in diligently supporting Planning Board meetings.

As the new Planning Board chairman, I want to personally thank each of the experienced Board members for their past and continued support as we serve the public in this department's journey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Mathews, Chair
George Dow, Sr., Clerk
David Leary
Beverly Popielski
Steven Weitzler



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Regularly Scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held at the Fuller Meadow School, 143 South Main Street at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Applications for a public hearing must be submitted to the Town Clerk and must include the following to avoid delays in processing.

1. For each request for a site plan, variance, special permit or review of Building Inspector's denial, a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 is required. This fee is payable to the Town of Middleton and must accompany the application to cover the costs of Legal Notice publication and other expenses associated with the required public hearing.
2. Six (6) copies of plans and applications with the appropriate application number stamped by the Building Inspector.
3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain a list of certified abutters (parties of interest) from the Board of Assessors Office. The form that is to be filed is included in the application packet.
4. The subject matter of the application, i.e., variance, site plan approval, special permit or review refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit.
5. The location of the area of the premises, including the street address and assessors map number, the lot number and one (1) copy on corresponding assessors map (scale 1" = 2000).
6. The name of the applicant printed or typed and signed including telephone number.
7. All applications must be approved and signed by the Building Inspector before they are taken to the Town Clerk.
8. The Town Clerk will accept and date stamp an application only if all items listed above are in order.

The Board will schedule a public hearing at the earliest possible date, but not later than 65 days after filing of the application, pending the availability of the needed information and response from other interested Boards and Agencies.

We wish to thank the Planning Board and Building Inspector for their timely input, other boards, Town Officials and Town Counsel for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Drysdale, Chairman
Jack Leitner, Clerk
Stuart H. Lord
Lynn Murphy
Jeffrey D. Schreiber
Anne Tragert Cote, Alternate
Stephen R. Brickett, Alternate

Helen Freedman, full-time secretary
Heather Smith, part-time secretary

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2000, the Flint Public Library saw a change in management. I began my tenure as Library Director in April, when I joined a competent and supportive Staff and Board of Trustees. The Middleton community, too, has been very welcoming, both informally in daily transactions at the library and formally at the April reception for the new Director. My past experience in Massachusetts public libraries includes six years in Malden and seven years in Lowell. I'm delighted to be in Middleton.

Application Action

Since last year, the library has been moving ahead on several fronts. Learning about Middleton and the Flint has been an awesome responsibility, especially with the goal and deadline of writing a Massachusetts construction grant application, wherein Library Directors get to prove they know their libraries and communities very well indeed. That grant application, submitted in January 2001, is available at the library for members of the public to read within the library. Please come have a look. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners plan to make construction grant awards in June.

Mary Tragert of the Middleton Historical Commission was responsible for another application on behalf of the library, this time for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. That application has been approved, making the Flint eligible for historic grant money.

Other grant opportunities were offered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System. Upon our applications, they approved the Flint for start-up costs and payment of partial fees associated with Full Membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC). The new fiscal year will see upgraded value for community members, from more efficient shared resources with the 35 other member libraries to online customer service. The MVLC automated system features a direct graphical interface and industry-leading software, with a Web catalog, complete circulation functionality, strong reporting and statistical ability, and many online capabilities for patrons. Library users will independently be able to check their records, renew their books, and place their reserves on materials throughout the consortium.

Building Concerns

The library is a landmark in Middleton, its most noteworthy and architecturally valuable building. As I've mentioned to many, when I first entered the building before I applied for this position, I felt as if I was "coming home." The Flint Public Library was built in the Richardsonian Romanesque style; the Malden Public Library is a Henry Hobson Richardson building, one that I loved to enter every day because of its architectural splendor.

When I wrote the state construction grant application, I included many photos, some of which attested to the library's need for renovation and preservation. During the recent Nor'easters, the clock tower and foundation leaked again, even after interior repair of the latter. Repairs to the building's envelope and roof, modernization of its infrastructure, and upgrading to code are essential. In addition, we need help to bring to Middleton service for the new century. As public libraries nationwide provide programs and computers, as well as the old standbys, they find demand increasing. The Flint's capable staff performs wonders within the limitations of this building, but there are underserved populations. For more information, stop in, e-mail from www.flintlibrary.org, or call 978-774-8132.

Programs and Personnel

In May of 2000, Karen Tivnan was hired as Assistant Children's Librarian. Karen brings to the Flint a commitment to children and young adults, after employment in school systems in Ipswich, Beverly, and Gloucester, as well as in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She replaced Shirley Matthews and her temporary replacement, Marcia Cunningham. Shirley Matthews retired early in 2000 after nearly

fifteen years of exemplary service; her many friends came to the Flint to sign a card that took her "three days to read!" Addie Lennox also came to the Flint as a Page for the summer months; she was a welcome addition to the staff.

This year saw a great deal of activity in the Children's Room and in Adult Programming. The Summer Reading Program kicked off with a visit from Alex the Jester and ended with the traditional Ice Cream Social, wrapping up eight weeks of fun. The Topsfield Fair co-sponsored the Program by providing vouchers for reading. Other co-sponsors were the Patricia M. Kelley Fund, the Middleton Cultural Council, and the Friends of the Flint. Among many others, children's programs also included story hours and school visits. Adult programs varied from income tax help to *Choices for the 21st Century*, a current events discussion series. Brown University provided funds to bring the exceptional Jeff Aronson to the Flint to lead discussions. *Choices...* was co-sponsored by the Library; the League of Women Voters of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield; Masconomet High School; and the Friends of the Flint. A total of 3,740 patrons were welcomed into the library for 182 programs.

In Gratitude

Many thanks to the Friends of the Flint, who continue to support library programs and this Library Director. These civic-minded men and women know that quality library service is important to the community. Both Past President Lory Cristoforo and current President Christine Lindberg have devoted many hours to leading the organization in improving, promoting, and expanding the library. Thanks also to the Boy Scouts and the Jr. Girl Scouts, to The Tuesday Volunteers, to the Beck Family of Beantown Marketing and Promotions, and to Shirley Raynard. And, for hosting Building Program presentations, to the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Senior Center, the Board of Trade, the Historical Society, and Carol Dempsey. Special thanks to the superb Library Staff and Board of Trustees for making my first year less challenging in many ways.

An Invitation

A final, and most welcome, change to this wonderful old building meant the addition of air conditioning to the main level. Come in to enjoy the cool!

Respectfully submitted,

Adela B. Carter, Director

Trustees

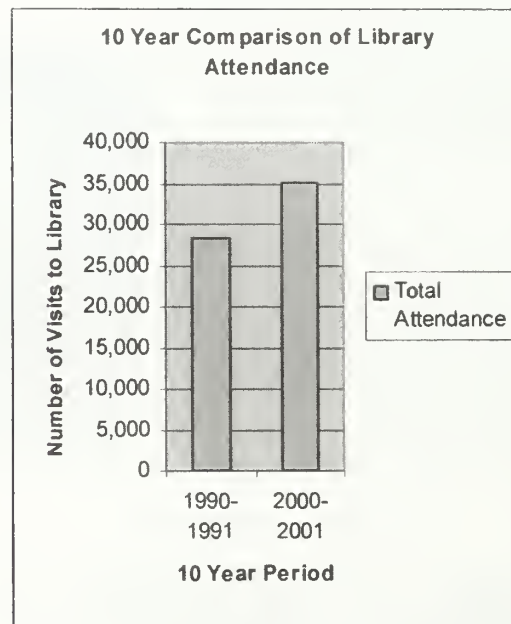
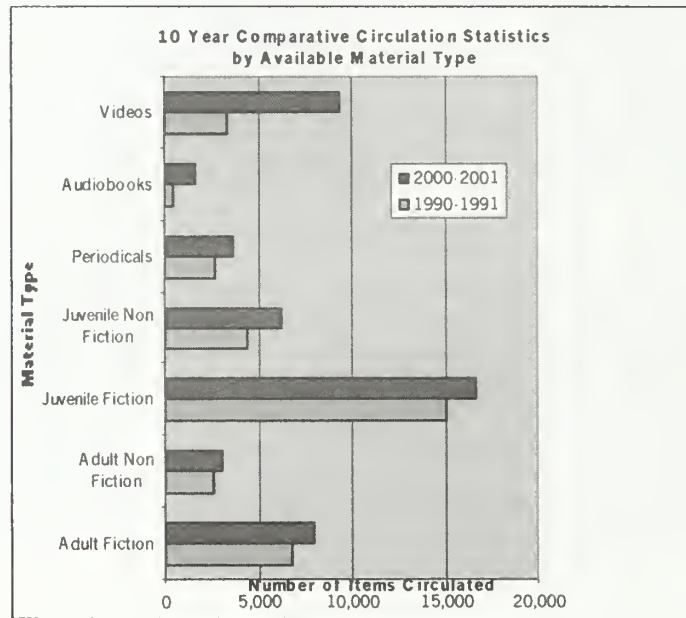
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Karen Tivnan	Meredith Turner	Marge Watson
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Increased Level of Activity and Service At the Flint Shown over a 10-Year Period



MIDDLETON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

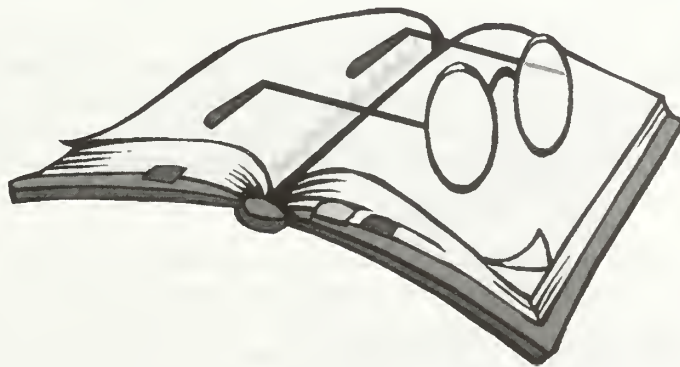
The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Lorne Davis. He has been a long-time and valued member. His concern for the preservation of our town's history is an inspiration to all.

This year the commission supported the need for the services of an archivist to catalog and advise on the preservation of historical records. Funding was provided by a positive vote at Town Meeting.

Clean-up work on old cemeteries continues with the assistance of the Town and the crews led by John O'Connor. Old burial sites have been investigated and verified.

History is a "work in progress". The Historical Commission is concerned about education, preservation and conservation of our local character and Middleton's unique place in our nation. We welcome and support the "Essex National Heritage Commission", an agency of the National Park Service. Middleton is included in the "Essex National Heritage Area".

The Middleton Historical Commission has nominated the Flint Public Library for the National Register of Historical Places. The nomination has been accepted by the State of Massachusetts. The Commission has also participated in the review of the renovations to the original "Town Hall" on Maple Street, currently in use by the Senior Center and the Recreation Commission.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Middleton Recreation Department has continued to sponsor many activities throughout the year. A new addition to our activities this year was attending the Harlem Globetrotters at the Fleet Center. Over 125 adults and children attended to watch the Globetrotters and their tricks.

We had another successful year in our popular Park Program which was directed under the leadership of Maureen Mortalo and her staff, we had a overwhelming turnout with over 295 children registered for the daily activities and fun. The program runs for six weeks from 8:30-12:30 during summer vacation.

Our trip to Water Country in July was an exciting day, the weather was cool but everyone still had a great time. With 105 attending, another day out was requested and another trip was organized in August with the day being hot and humid with a turnout of 83 attending. It was our third year with the Tootsie Roller Gymnastics program, offered to children up to the age six. They meet weekly, with 20 participants learning to roll and tumble.

The Annual Town Picnic was the second Tuesday in August. The weather was perfect with a great time had by all. Heading up to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH we had 62 adults and 255 children enjoying the rides and activities.

We continue with the ever popular Learn to Swim Program. Both our winter and summer programs have been a great success. The Danvers Y.M.C.A. continues to offer this great program to the town. The program runs for eight weeks for children from preschool to 12 years of age. There were 180 children who participated in the program in the summer. After their lesson they can take advantage of the free swim offered in the afternoon.

Another event which the Recreation Department participates in is The Pumpkin Festival. The Friday night before the Pumpkin Festival, the Recreation Department assists with the pumpkin carvings that appear on Pumpkin Row. We handed out safe carving tools as well as candy bars to the children for carving their masterpieces. Over 350 pumpkins were carved.

Santa was again a great hit with the children at our Annual Christmas Party in December. We tried something different this year with karaoke and realized that the younger participants did better than the older. Our craft table kept the children busy while they were waiting to see Santa. As always Tonnellis pizza and Richardsons ice cream were a great combination. All the children got to tell Santa their Christmas wishes and they all received an early Christmas gift. A special thanks goes to our volunteer Santa, without him the day would not be complete.

The February vacation was very busy, with a Roller Skating party over at Roller Palace in Beverly where over 130 adults and children participated. We also were lucky enough to attend Disney On Ice - 75th Anniversary show at the Fleet Center, with 130 in attendance.

Our Aerobic program continued, with a group of faithful attendees. Classes were held two nights per week at the Fuller Meadow School. We had three sessions starting in October and ending in June. Please watch for advertisement in early September.

We were also able to bring back our 4th Of July Parade with the help of many people and the cooperation of the Selectman, police, fire and the DPW departments. We were able to close down Route 62 for our parade. We had 6 floats, over 105 children on decorated bikes and 30 walkers. Our parade was accompanied by the every popular "Ricco Barr" band with a variety of music. It was nice to see the turn out with everyone watching the parade along route 62. We had events, drinks, food and activities for all. "Twist and Shout" provided the music at the park while the activities were going on. As it turned out to a very hot and humid day the Fire department came down and cooled us off. As adults, it brought back a lot of memories and was a great way to start the summer. It was nice to see all the families working together. Each year will get bigger and better.

In closing, the Recreation Department members are always looking for new and wonderful ideas. Please feel free to contact any board member with your suggestions or comments. We do want to thank all those whose help supports these many activities. We look forward to another successful year with many new event to be added.

A special thanks to Priscilla Neal who has served many years on the Middleton Recreation Committee. She has decided to retire and will be much missed. Again, thank you Priscilla!

Respectfully Submitted,

Recreation Department Members
Gary R. L'Abbe, Chairman
Priscilla Neal
Michele Nowack, Secretary
Jan Thwing, Treasurer
Lou Fedullo



MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction

Masconomet's future continues to be bright. The past year has been an exciting one as the school district experienced an unprecedented period of growth and expansion. While our student population continues to increase, a new Masconomet is rising around us. Present and future students will have a state of the art facility thanks to the vision and foresight of the Tri-Town Communities. We again thank you for your investment in the future of Masconomet.

Highlights and Accomplishments

At the time of this writing, the building project is proceeding on schedule. The new High School is scheduled to open in September 2001 and the Middle School opening is forecast for September 2002. High marks go to the administration and staff. Their jobs have become increasingly challenging as they strive to provide educational excellence and deal with the inconvenience and distraction of a major building project. The SBAB has recently released information that Masconomet moved from #132 to #40 on the reimbursement list. That means we may see state money as early as 2003 and most certainly by 2004. The Building Committee, under the direction of Rich O'Brien, continues to monitor the project diligently.

Academically, our students continue to excel. Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2000 are attending college, many at the finest institutions in the country. Furthermore, twenty-one members of the class of 2001 have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests. This is the highest number to earn this honor at Masconomet, and is an unusually high number of students for any high school. The staff continues to collaborate with the elementary schools to align the Curriculum Frameworks in order to improve Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores. Recently released scores show Masconomet continues to be well above the state average in all areas in eighth and tenth grade testing. Per state guidelines, the Class of 2003 is the first class that must pass the Math and English portions of the MCAS to graduate.

Vision and Commitment

Last winter the School Committee revised its Vision Statement to read:

Masconomet Regional School District provides a challenging and supportive educational environment for the entire school community that:

- Maximizes opportunities for intellectual, personal and physical development
- Encourages individuals to become contributing community members
- Promotes learning as a life long pursuit

This statement, which continues to depict the educational needs and philosophies of the district, guides the Masconomet community as they create long and short term goals. A new initiative which is evolving is the creation of a House System for the High School. This system is part of a collaborative effort, staff, parents and students are creating an innovative ways to help make the school seem more personal as it continues to grow. Reflecting the concern of the School Committee and Administration for the overall development of students, an Athletic Task Force was to examine athletic offerings designed to meet the needs of all students.

To view a detailed Annual Report from the Masconomet Regional School District, please visit our web site at www.masconomet.org. If you do not have online capabilities, call Carol Kiley (887-2323 ex 255) for a copy. Copies are also available at the three town libraries.

Masconomet is fortunate to have hard working administrators, dedicated staff, supportive communities, caring parents and talented students. The accomplishments of our students in and out of the classroom are inspiring. We continue to be amazed by the diversity and quality of the talents they display. We encourage you to come and witness their excellence by attending academic and athletic competitions, art exhibits, concerts and drama productions. Please stay in contact with your School Committee members so we may all work together to provide our students the education they deserve as they compete in the Twenty First Century.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Nechtem, Chairperson
Masconomet School Committee

Kathleen M. Lynch, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools





School Committee

Joel Shamon, Chair	Term expires	2001
Gimmie Sue Valacer, Vice Chair	Term expires	2003
Richard White, Secretary	Term expires	2002
Carol Bailey	Term expires	2001
Vincent Serino	Term expires	2001
Thomas Skinner	Term expired	2000
Ellen Weitzler	Resigned	
Maria Pasciuto	Resigned	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATION

The Middleton School Committee holds regular monthly meetings generally twice per month throughout the school year. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of the month at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional working sessions and meetings for special purposes such as budget and policy development are also scheduled. Interested citizens should check notices at Town Hall, which are posted two days or more in advance of any scheduled meeting. Sessions are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Individuals or groups may suggest an item to be placed on the agenda by forwarding a written request to the Superintendent of Schools or to the Chairperson of the School Committee.

The School Committee has all the powers conferred on it by state law and must perform those duties mandated by the state. Its responsibilities are varied but relate primarily to policy determination. Some of the duties of the School Committee include:

- ☐ Preparation of an annual budget
- ☐ Program evaluations
- ☐ Approval of curriculum and materials
- ☐ Planning school services
- ☐ Collective bargaining
- ☐ Public relations

While the School Committee acts directly as the policymaking body relative to general educational policy, it seeks input from a variety of sources in its deliberations. The School Committee actively seeks the counsel and support of the administration, staff, School Councils, PTO, parents and the community. This input is generated through written and verbal communication within the school community, biannual Open Forums on pertinent topics (e.g. curriculum, school hours, transportation) and working closely with other Town Boards and committees. Individuals and groups wishing to address the School Committee at a meeting may do so on the agenda under "Remarks from the Public" or contact the chairperson by telephone or in writing.

MILESTONES

In May 2000, Tom Skinner completed his seventh year of service as a member of the Middleton School Committee. Mr. Skinner chose not to seek re-election to the Committee. During his term of service Mr. Skinner served as Chairman of the Committee for three years and as a member of the Tri-Town Union School Committee. He served as Chair of the Union School Committee during the 1998-1999 school year.

In June 2000, Ellen Weitzler resigned from her seat on the committee. Mrs. Weitzler had served on the Negotiations Sub-Committee. In September 2000, Maria Pasciuto resigned from her seat. The Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the School Committee elected Carol Bailey and Vincent Serino to serve as members of the School Committee until the annual town election in May 2001.

Administrative Personnel Changes

In July 2000, Dr. Bernard F. Creeden was elected by the Tri-Town Union Committee to serve as the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Creeden has served in the district as Assistant Superintendent and as Interim Superintendent during the 1999-2000 school year. The Tri-Town Union Committee also elected Ms. Sharon Lyons to serve as the Director of Special Education replacing Dr. Frank Scott. In addition, Mr. Timothy Haskell was appointed to serve as the Director of Facilities. Mr. Steven Greenberg was elected to serve as School Business Manager in October 2000. He replaced Mr. Michael Musto who accepted a similar position with the Stoneham Public Schools.

Mission Statement

The missions of the Middleton Elementary Schools, in cooperation with family and community, are to instill a joy of learning in all students, to promote academic excellence, to be supportive of children's social and emotional needs, and to constantly strive for improvement in these areas.

Core Values of the Middleton Elementary Schools

All children can be successful if they: are provided with opportunities to learn, are active in their own education, and are exposed to a variety of enriching experiences at school and home. A strong climate of respect between children and the entire school community is necessary for children to reach their potential as productive students and citizens.

Effective education must be a partnership between school, home and community. The major function of the School Committee continues to be the provision of the highest quality educational program within available funding resources. The grade level organization locates the Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade Three at the Fuller Meadow School and Grade Four through Grade Six at the Howe-Manning School.

Curriculum renewal continues to be provided through a strategic planning effort, which addresses each major curriculum area on a regular cycle. During the 1999-2000 school the decision was made to implement a new standards based Mathematics program in Grades K-5 aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The Open Court Reading program was expanded and new units of study were incorporated into the Science and Social Studies Curriculum.

School Management and Governance Structure

The principal is responsible for the daily operation of each school. This responsibility includes curriculum, instruction, personnel matters, student issues and physical plant. School Councils are in place in each school. Members include the principal, parents (elected), teachers (elected), and a community member (appointed by the principal). The role of the School Council is to advise the principal on areas of school improvement. An Annual School Improvement Plan is developed by each School Council and approved by the School Committee. This plan is based on three-year goals, which are established following a needs assessment of the school community.

The Superintendent is appointed by the Tri-Town School Union Committee (Superintendency Union 58). The School Union Committee jointly employs the Superintendent (PK-6), School Business Manager, Administrator of Special Education, and Director of Facilities and Operations as well as the secretarial and bookkeeping staff of the Central Office. The Superintendent acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the School Committee in the operation of the schools.

The 1999-2000 school year marked the seventh year of Middleton's membership in the Tri-Town School Union with Boxford and Topsfield. The year was one during which the debate within the School Union about its future was resolved. The three towns have renewed their commitment to working together. In the judgment of the School Committee, Middleton's membership in the Tri-Town Union continues to benefit students, teachers and the community.

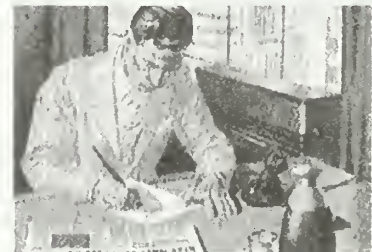
School Administration Tri-Town School Union 2000-2001

School Superintendent: Bernard F. Creeden, D. Ed.

School Business Manager: Steven Greenberg

Administrator of Special Education: Sharon Lyons

Director of Facilities and School Operations: Timothy Haskell



The Tri-Town School Union offices are located in the Fuller Meadow School.
The Special Education Office is located in the Proctor School, Topsfield

Supervising Principals: Michelle Fitzpatrick, Howe-Manning School Grades 4-6
2000-2001 Malvena Baxter, Ed.D, Fuller Meadow School Grades PK-3

Special Education Services Coordinator: Charlene Malek
2000-2001

Pre-school Coordinator: Deanne Shining, Fuller Meadow School
2000-2001

Fuller Meadow School Teachers 2000-2001

Catherine Driscoll
 Jeanne Lordan
 Karen Newhall
 Jennifer Fuller
 Eileen Mulligan
 Beverly Napieracz
 Janet Riley
 Barbara Putnam
 Kimberly Morin
 Stacey Begin
 Louise Kennedy
 Sheila Standing
 Debra Vickerman
 Laurie Murphy
 Kelly Hobey
 Jeralyn O'Connor
 Joyce Williamson
 Susan Costas
 Tracy Cleveland



Kindergarten
 Kindergarten
 Kindergarten
 Grade One
 Grade One
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 Grade Two
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 Grade Two (.5)
 Grade Two (.5)/Reading (.5)
 Grade Two
 Grade Two
 Grade Three
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 Grade Three

Howe-Manning School Teachers 2000-2001

Mary Anne Amero
 Barbara Deeley
 Judy Church
 Kevin Husson
 Stephen O'Brien
 Stephen Belgiorno
 Heidi Emmons
 Cynthia Gorman
 Dina Hawkes
 Carolyn White
 Jane Rathe
 Mary Pelrine
 Jean Poirier
 Nancy Jones
 Beth Ruhl



Grade Four
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Specialists 2000-2001

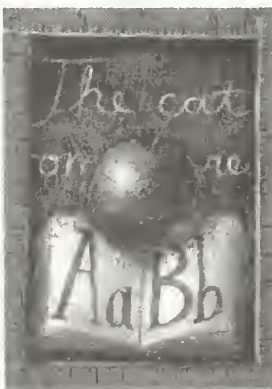
Veronica Ramos
 Pamela Dalton
 Arthur Sharp
 Carolyn Colby
 Ann Montani
 Patricia Haines
 Pamela Moline
 Emily Clark
 Deborah Pazdziorny
 Meredith Pecci
 Kim Tyszkowski
 Penny Rogers
 Deanne Shiningier
 Lisa Besen
 Christine Gallagher
 Paula Hamilton
 Louise King
 Linda Cornell
 Patricia Linscott
 Carlotta Miller
 Catherine Geomelos
 Aimee Carter
 Ann Daniels
 Patricia MacLeod
 Marie Pelletier
 Sandra Rubchinuk
 Julie Norris
 Carolyn Colby



Art (.6)
 Art (.6)
 Music
 Music (.2)
 Physical Education (.6)
 Physical Education (.6)
 Technology Coordinator
 HM/Spanish (.2)
 Technology Assistant (.5)
 FM/Psychologist
 HM/Psychologist (.5)
 Reading (.45)
 FM/Resource Room (.7)
 FM/Resource Room (.5)
 FM/Resource Room (.5)
 FM/Resource Room
 HM/Resource Room
 HM/Resource Room (.5)
 HM/Resource Room
 FM Speech & Language
 FM/HM Speech & Language (.26)
 FM/HM Speech & Language (.18)
 FM/Library Paraprofessional
 HM/Library Paraprofessional
 HM/FM Title One
 Preschool
 Preschool (.9)
 Instrumental Music

Special Education Teacher Assistants

Mary Ellen Cerullo
 Maureen Jordan
 Chris Wojciechowski
 Mary Davis
 Sheila Lishner
 Cynthia Dellea
 Cindy Hoffman
 Susan Kwiatek
 Janet Bilecki
 Laura Gettings
 Linda Sullivan
 Barbara Giltrap
 Stacey Vicari
 Carol Guthrie
 Caryl Sindoni
 Theresa Robertson
 Kathleen DiVaio
 Emily Clark
 Susan Olmsted
 Margaret Lopez
 Kim Schloss
 Joanne Thorlin



FM/Preschool (.2)
 FM/Preschool (.9)
 FM/Preschool (LOA)
 FM/Preschool (.5)
 FM/Preschool (.9)
 FM/Kindergarten
 FM/Special Education
 FM/Special Education
 FM/Inclusion
 FM/Special Education
 FM/Special Education
 FM/Special Education
 FM/Inclusion
 FM/Inclusion
 FM/Inclusion
 FM/Inclusion
 FM/Inclusion
 HM/Special Education
 HM/Special Education (.8)
 HM/Special Education
 HM/Special Education (.4)
 HM/Special Education (.5)
 HM/Special Education (.5)

Therapists (Part Time)

Gary Marques
Julie Anzalone
Jeanne O'Dowd
Anne D'Angelo

Registered Occupational Therapist
C.O.T.A.
C.O.T.A.
P.T.

School Physician

William Wiswell M.D.

School Nurses

Dale Marshall
Wendy Giles
Marie Perkins

Fuller Meadow
Howe-Manning (.6)
Howe-Manning (.4)



School Secretaries

Joan Garber
Gail Nicholls
Cheri Wiberg

Fuller Meadow
FM/Office Aide (.4)
Howe-Manning

Food Service

Tynne Sweeney

Corinne Ogden
Sandra Pollock
Barbara Mortalo
Jean Mscisz
Diane Green
Patricia Gettings



Director

Fuller Meadow
Fuller Meadow Cashier
Fuller Meadow
Howe-Manning
Howe-Manning
Howe-Manning Cashier

Custodians

Ernest Morin
Louis Gentile
James Rymsha
Carol Twombly
Robert Horvath
George Lougee
Manny Correia
Steven Anzalone



Head Custodian/FM
Head Custodian/HM
Howe Manning
Fuller Meadow (PT)
Fuller Meadow (PT)
Fuller Meadow (PT)
Howe-Manning (PT)
Fuller Meadow (PT)

School Enrollment October 1, 2000

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fuller Meadow School	86	93	101	116			
Howe-Manning School					105	92	110

DISTRICT TOTAL = 703 (plus 65 PreSchool students)

Enrollment Trends 1990- 2000

Year	K-6	Increase	% Increase
1990-91	396		
1991-92	426	30	7.5%
1992-93	427	1	0.0%
1993-94	475	48	11.2%
1994-95	530	55	10.4%
1995-96	582	52	9.8%
1996-97	625	43	6.9%
1997-98	672	47	7.5%
1998-99	692	20	3.0%
1999-00	710	18	2.6%
2000-01	703	-7	(1.0%)



The above figures indicate an increase in enrollment in the Middleton Elementary Schools of 307 students over a ten-year period. This represents a **77.5 % increase** in the student population over this time period.

Fiscal Operation

The budget development process is an extensive and involved task during which the Committee must make difficult decisions to bring into balance both the financial concerns of the community and elements of high quality, appropriate educational services. Increasing costs associated with increased enrollment, school transportation, special education, building maintenance, and contracted salary increases, must be addressed within the context of limited fiscal support from the state.

The School Department operating budget for the year 2000-2001 was as shown:

	Approved FY2000	Approved FY2001
Personal Services	2,751,736	2,815,144
Purchase of Services	769,485	815,132
Purchase of Supplies	136,966	171,470
Other Charges & Expenses	304,485	446,687
Additional Chapter 70 Funds		73,472
Special Town Meeting		87,600
TOTAL	\$ 3,962,572	\$ 4,409,505



This program provides an environment in which both special needs and typical students share participation in a developmental learning, cost-effective, and purposeful program. Seventy-two children were enrolled in two, three, or four-day programs during the 2000-2001 school year.

Teacher In-Service Training and Professional Development

The Fuller Meadow School Council Improvement Plan, the Howe-Manning School Council Improvement Plan and the School Committee Goals each place a strong emphasis on professional development and training for staff, which focuses upon identified curriculum and organizational priorities as well as the diverse learning needs of children. The primary areas of focus for 2000-2001 have included developing curriculum maps to match the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, mathematics, language arts, meeting the diverse learning needs of children, writing across the curriculum, hands-on science and inclusion. Models for conducting professional development have included a combination of full day professional development days, after school and weekend workshops, summer institutes, locally sponsored graduate courses, study groups, curriculum committees and a limited number of early release days offerings.

The School Committee continues to provide resources within its budget for professional development. In addition, the application of available grant funds from the State Department of Education has been instrumental in creating opportunities for teachers and other staff to maintain and update their professional skills. The School Committee continues to believe that professional development for staff is an important investment that will result in improved learning opportunities for children and increased achievement.

Student Assessment and Achievement

During the 1999-2000 school year, Grade 2 students were assessed using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Students earned a National Percentile Rank (NPR) of 92 on the core test battery. These results are above the five-year average.

Fourth Grade students participated in the third administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in May. Students were tested in Mathematics, Science and Technology, and English Language Arts. Students were asked to respond to both multiple choice and open-ended performance questions designed to measure mastery of learning standards contained in the State Curriculum Frameworks. Results for 1999-2000 place Howe-Manning School students in the Moderate Performance category when compared to other schools across the state. Improvement efforts are underway to enable Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning students and faculties to meet the Department of Education's improvement targets for 2000-2001.

Special Needs Education

School districts are mandated by state and federal laws to provide special education services to those students with a special need who require support in order to make effective educational progress and to ensure that these services occur in the least restrictive environment.

As of June 2000 there were one hundred twenty-five special needs students in the Middleton Elementary Schools. This number included forty-nine students at Fuller Meadow, forty-six students at Howe-Manning, nine children in out-of-district placements and twenty-three preschoolers, eighteen of whom were enrolled in the Middleton Integrated Pre-school Program operated by the School Committee. The percentage (14%) of students in K-6 with special needs is below the state average.

During the 2000-2001 school year, the Special Education staff has consisted of a Special Education Administrator and a special education secretary, whose positions are cost shared with Boxford and Topsfield as part of the Tri-Town School Union.

Special Education staff at Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning for this year have included seven full-time and/or part-time resource room teachers, two integrated Pre-school teachers, sixteen full and/or part-time instructional aides (including those who worked with specific individual students whose needs require one-on-one assistance), one full-time and one part-time psychologist/counselor, one full-time and one part-time speech/language therapist, three part-time occupational therapists and one part-time physical therapist.

For the 2000- 2001 school year the position of Special Education Services Coordinator was established. This position is designed to support teachers and principals in their efforts to develop and implement the most cost effective programs possible for children in our schools. In addition, a half-time school psychologist position was added to assist in meeting the learning needs of children at the Howe Manning School.

Support services offered to students in the Middleton Schools range from the monitoring of their progress in regular education classes and consulting with their regular education teachers, to total academics in a substantially separate language-based program. As a school system, Middleton is committed to including our special education students and continues to pursue effective ways to integrate our children into regular education programming.

Middleton belongs to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, which is comprised of nine Merrimack Valley school districts which come together with shared concerns. The Collaborative provides programs for low incident special needs students, serves as a resource to address special education issues, and offers many needed support services including professional development.

Parent involvement in Special Education is strongly encouraged and welcomed. Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford parents of special education students have joined together to form the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC meets regularly during the school year. It has served as an arena for parents to discuss mutual concerns, arranged for a variety of interesting speakers, created a lending library, sponsored fund raising and other events, and provided input into the Special Education Department's programs and policies.

Closing Statement

The past year has been a challenging one in terms of the governance and fiscal issues the School Committee has had to resolve. We believe that these challenges have been met. As a result, our schools are in good position to continuously improve student achievement through a quality program of teaching and learning. The School Committee appreciates the continuing support of the community as it works to meet its goals and expectations of the residents of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Shamon, Chair
Richard White
Gimmie Sue Valacer
Carol Bailey
Vincent Serino



NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roger Drysdale, Middleton Representative
Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director

Merger Study

In the spring of last year, the Massachusetts Department of Education contracted with MGT of America, Inc., to conduct a study regarding the possible merger of the Essex Agricultural & Technical School and the North Shore Technical High School. Upon completion of the study, GMT of America presented four options to the members of the Merger Study Committee.

On October 4, the Committee voted unanimously to choose the option of a merged vocational and agricultural school on the Essay Aggie campus. Following additional study, a proposal will be made to the Department of Education and the Merger Study Committee to fund a feasibility study that will ultimately design a state of the art education program with appropriate facilities that meet the demands and needs of the students of this region.

Administration

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administration team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc., High School Accreditation

The process of accreditation was begun by the completion of a self-study by the faculty and staff. In October, a visiting team from NEASC comprised of twenty-two members evaluated the school based upon this self-study and a three-day visit. The report of the visiting committee will be read and voted upon at the spring meeting of the NEASC. We have every reason to believe, based upon the positive comments of the Chairperson of the visiting team, that we will be recommended for accreditation at that meeting. The narrative report of the committee was received in December and contained overwhelmingly positive comments.

Enrollment

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2000 was 444. Unfortunately, there continues to be a shortage of available space for classrooms.

Curriculum

The new modular ninth grade science program is in its second year of operation, and has been very successful in preparing students for the MCAS examination. The arrival of the modular classroom for Health Technology has allowed the ninth grade science program to move into a classroom specifically designed for this use, an event which will further enhance its effectiveness.

Over the past three years, there has been gradual, incremental improvement in MCAS mathematics and science scores. Teachers in the English Department place heavy emphasis on MCAS preparation. At

every grade level, college preparatory classes are offered for those students who may be interested in pursuing post secondary education.

Technology

A \$80,000 Perkins "New Technology" grant was received to fund a state of the art networking lab. A dedicated laboratory will be set up in January/February with twenty (20) new computer workstations for networked curriculum and five (5) new computer workstations and support devices for a dedicated mini network for training purposes. We are a "Local Cisco Networking Academy" partnering with North Shore Community College and Cisco Corporation; two of our staff members are certified instructors for the program.

The school's web page (<http://www.nsths.mec.edu>) is updated daily. Staff training was provided in "Front Page" resulting in an increase in teachers using links through a home page to communicate assignments and streamline research.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department provided transportation to and from school on a daily basis for approximately 427 students. The number of late buses and sports late buses remained at four. The students' time on the bus was reduced. The number of students involved in sports and other after school activities continues to increase, therefore the number of students using the late buses and sports buses continues to increase.

Adult Education

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than 54 vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our communities. The program serves more than 1,000 adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include computers, health, construction, welding, culinary, automotive and business skills. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

The Adult Education Programs continue to enjoy a reputation for providing quality vocational-technical education to a demanding client that faces an ever changing work place. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide competitive and progressive programming more than 50% of our course offerings are either new or have been greatly modified during the past five years.

Funding Issues

The FY '02 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance Policy Sub-Committee in January and subsequently to the North Shore Regional Vocational School District School Committee. At this point, we have not received any financial date pertaining to FY '02 from the Department of Education.

Grants

The school has been awarded several important grants: the aforementioned \$80,000 Perkins New Technology Grant; \$10,000 Special Education Supplemental Grant to assist in the implementation of the DOE Corrective Action Plan; \$20,000 High Schools That Work-New Sites; \$25,000 Outdoor Education Grant; and \$8,000 Safe and Drug Free Schools/Peer Mediation Grant. Several more grants totaling more than \$50,000 were completed and submitted, but final status on approval is still pending.

North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee

Beverly	Paul F. McDonald
Boxford	Philip J. Holden
Danvers	T. Frank Tyrell, Jr.
Essex	George R. Harvey, Secretary
Gloucester	Paula Evans
Hamilton	David W. Ketcham
Lynnfield	Paul Anderson
Manchester-by-the-Sea	Joseph Sabella
Marblehead	Mary Kay Roper
Middleton	Roger Drysdale, Vice Chair
Nahant	Thomas F. Johnson
Rockport	G. Stanley Patey, III
Salem	William D. Wilkins
Swampscott	Mary Marrs, Chair
Topsfield	Richard Darrah
Wenham	William O. Nichols

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Drysdale, Middleton Representative
Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director



MIDDLETON BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is working on regulations in case anyone wants to do body modification in Town, i.e. tattooing, body piercing, etc. The recent decision by the Mass. Supreme Court results in restriction on tattooing being null and void so that new rules must be put in place to control the potential for infection that such practices can create. The businesses of body massage, sun tanning and hot tubs are already regulated by the Board of Health.

In order to keep up with food establishment inspections, an individual from Essex Aggie was hired to do the inspections as an assistant agent. The trend has been for the State to come up with more complex rules and regulations which the local Board of Health must enforce. The new rules add more time to each inspection, as well as adding more work in general, i.e. replacing septic systems not actually failing for fear that they may fail a Title V inspection when property is sold.

New rules are in place for: Children's camps, septic systems, Title V, swimming pools, Chapter II housing inspections, lead paint abatement rules and lately, the new food code. We get faxes of food recalls which are very rarely about food distributed in Middleton, yet we should let local food stores know about the recalls.

The Nichols Lane fill was finally removed from the site. It was re-graded with clean fill and the property sold as a residence. The Board of Health had complaints about green water in a new condominium complex on North Main Street. The Board tried to come up with a solution to the problem but it is still being resolved. The landfill shaping at the Rubchinuk landfill was completed in the summer of 2000 and the capping operation started. The site is to be finished by the spring of 2001 with a soccer field at the foot of the hill.

After a new septic system is installed an as-built plan is sent to the Board of Health for review. A Certificate of Compliance is issued once the review is complete. The Board of Health has had to issue these Certificates of Compliance more than in the past.

The Board of Health members are:

Mary Jane Morrin, Acting Chairperson
Paul Leblanc
Dr. Jay Afrow
John Leblanc
Robert Ambrefe

New members Robert Ambrefe and Paul Leblanc were appointed since July 1999 to replace Niru Patel and Dr. Robert Nersasian. Dale Buckley was replaced by returning member John Leblanc. Your Board of Health Agent is Leo Cormier and the secretary is Helen Freedman.



Licenses, Permits Issued Fiscal Year '00

Burial Certificates	8	Milk & Cream Licenses	53
Camp Licenses	2	Perc Tests	80
Food Service Permits	65	Pool Permits	5
Frozen Dessert	5	Septic system permits	106
Haulers	10	Swine Permit	1
Installers Permits	32	Tobacco Permits	27
Massage Salons	4	Well Tests	22
Massage Therapists	4		

Board of Health Fees Collected July 1999 through June 2000: \$33,994.49

Miscellaneous Incidents:

Cases of Pertusis were reported to the Board of Health; there was a septic overflow at Market Basket which was noted and acted upon; the Health Inspector attended the annual Department of Environmental Protection seminar; work was done on Body Alteration Rules (body piercing); the BOH received the annual Hep B vaccine to administer to Fire, Police and First Responders; responded to one complaint of beaver flooding a well; reviewed a new food establishment floor plan.

The following statistics were generated in this fiscal year:

<i>Chapter II Housing Inspections</i>	4	<i>Meetings - Healthy Communities</i>	
<i>Chapter II Home Inspections</i>	2	<i>Tobacco Control</i>	11
<i>Complaints Answered</i>	77	<i>Meetings - Masco Health Council</i>	1
<i>Document Removal of Tank - Richdale Store 57</i>	1	<i>Meetings - MHOA</i>	3
<i>Flu Clinics</i>	2	<i>Meetings - NERHAN Regional Agents</i>	5
<i>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</i>	1	<i>Meetings - Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection</i>	2
<i>Inspections - Day Camps</i>	4	<i>Meetings - Solid Waste Committee</i>	1
<i>Inspections - Ice Cream Plant</i>	1	<i>Meetings - Staff</i>	2
<i>Inspections - Land Fill Capping, East St.</i>	3	<i>Meetings - Vocational School Health Advisory</i>	1
<i>Inspections - Massage Salons</i>	6	<i>Orders from Board of Health</i>	16
<i>Inspections - Motels/Hotels</i>	2	<i>Orders to Vacate a Residence</i>	1
<i>Inspections - Pig Farms</i>	1	<i>Perc Tests by Health Agent</i>	113
<i>Inspections - Pools/Hot Tubs</i>	12	<i>Septic Plans Approvals</i>	57
<i>Inspections - Restaurants</i>	36	<i>Septic Plans Reviewed</i>	90
<i>Inspections - Restaurants/P. Everson</i>	51	<i>Serve Save Course</i>	1
<i>Inspections - Septic</i>	175	<i>Swim Area Closed/Oil Slick on Water</i>	1
<i>Inspections - Septic/P. Messenger</i>	13	<i>Thunderbridge Samples</i>	4
<i>Inspections - Schools</i>	1	<i>Trips To Pick Up Vaccines</i>	6
<i>Inspections - School Dorms</i>	1	<i>Well Pump Tests/P. Messenger</i>	2
<i>Inspections - Tanning Salons</i>	1	<i>Well Tests by Health Agent</i>	17
<i>Installers Tests</i>	7	<i>Workshop - Camp Inspections</i>	1
<i>Masconomet Regional High School Health Council</i>	1	<i>Workshop -Chapter 21E & Hazardous Waste Spills</i>	1
<i>Meetings - Betterment</i>	1	<i>Workshop - Flu Medicare</i>	1
<i>Meetings - Beverly Hospital</i>	2	<i>Workshop - Mass. GIS - Essex Aggie</i>	1
<i>Meetings - Board of Health</i>	6	<i>Workshop - MHOA</i>	3
<i>Meetings - Board of Selectmen</i>	2	<i>Workshop - Public Water Supply</i>	1
<i>Meetings - Dept. Environmental Protection</i>	1	<i>Workshop - New Computer Program Board of Health 2000</i>	1
		<i>Workshop - Soil Evaluation</i>	3

Pike Messenger, in his capacity as part-time Conservation Commission Agent,
filled in for Leo Cormier as noted above.

COUNCIL ON AGING



The Middleton Council on Aging and Senior Center has had a busy and successful year serving the elders of the community. Direct services are available to all residents 60 years of age and older. The following report offers a brief overview of some of the activities and services which have taken place between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000.

The Senior Center, which is located in the Old Town Hall at 38 Maple Street, is open three (3) days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays (now Thursdays as of 7/1/00) from 9:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon, depending on the events scheduled. There are a variety of activities taking place on those days, as well as lunch being served. Patti Flynn, our creative Meal Site Director, oversees the lunch program, which includes monthly birthday celebrations and special holiday meals. All residents 60 years of age and older are welcome to join us for lunch. Reservations can be made by telephoning the center where monthly menu/activity calendars are available. Home delivered meals are available for those seniors who are homebound or unable to prepare food independently. The meal program is funded in part by federal grants, participant donations, and municipal dollars. A donation of \$1.75 per meal is suggested by North Shore Elder Services.

During the past year:

- Over 2700 **Congregate Meals** were served
- Close to 3,500 meals were delivered to over 30 residents in need of nutritional assistance at home, through our **Home Delivered Meals Program**
- Approximately 185 residents participated

Weekly yoga classes are held on Monday mornings and continue to be well attended. This gentle form of exercise has been proven to increase physical and mental well being for participants. Classes are provided by a certified instructor at a cost of \$2.00 per lesson. Newcomers are always welcome.

Bingo remains very popular and takes place on Mondays following lunch. Special thanks to Guy Zaccone, who volunteers many hours every Monday as our beano caller and organizer.

Our **monthly activity calendar** lists full-length movies, which are shown on Wednesday or Friday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the latest movie hits as well as old favorites. Films are shown on a large screen TV, which allows for increased visibility and closed captioning. This is a nice option for those who may be visually and/or hearing impaired. Refreshments are served during the feature presentations.



Increased communication to the Middleton Senior community has been a key focus during the past year. With the mailing of the newsletter "**Middleton Senior News**" to 1200 senior residents (approximately 840 head of households receive the mailing), we have increased the interest and participation level in our various programs. In response to increased participation, particularly in our special holiday and luncheon programs, a **Subcommittee for Long Term Planning** was created to address space and parking issues. Members include: Mary Jane Morrin and Nancy Jones (Selectpersons), Susan Moore (COA Chairperson), Ethel Lee (COA Vice Chairperson), Kay Martinuk (COA Board member), Citizens-at-large Sandy Masi, Lou Fedullo, and the COA Director. After committee discussion and then discussion with the Board of Selectmen, a recommendation was proposed to request usage of the American Legion Post 227 Function Hall on River Street, Middleton. The COA Director and Meal Site Director Patti Flynn met with the American Legion Commander and members to outline four potential dates for function hall usage in FY 2000. The American Legion members were pleased to support the Middleton Senior community and approved our request.

Our popular "**Coffee Forums**" recruit speakers to provide critical information on various health, safety, financial, and legal issues important to seniors. We have increased this popular program to meet at least twice monthly with scheduled topics publicized in local newspapers, cable TV, our newsletter and monthly activity calendars.



We are very pleased to report that our **monthly day bus trips** have been filled to capacity. Members of the Trip Committee on the Council On Aging, have organized wonderful trips to destinations that include; the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Newport, Rhode Island, and The Boston Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert.

Van transportation continues to be another key element in serving the needs of the Middletown seniors. We have a van available for all center activities. The van also transports seniors locally for groceries, banking, and postal needs. Sandy Masi, our dedicated van driver, introduced the very popular van mini-trips. Our monthly activity calendar lists these mini-trip destinations that include Rockport, Salem, and "Mystery Rides". Seniors are asked to call the Senior Center to make reservations for the trips in which they are interested.

The van is also used five days per week for the **Home Delivered Meals Program**. This provides clients with not only meals, but also a personal contact with our staff member. This regular contact is most important to those who are homebound and something that is eagerly anticipated. The transportation program also provided for area medical appointments. This is a very busy and worthwhile program. Monthly trips during the past year averaged 50, with our **Medical Transportation** Coordinator overseeing and coordinating the scheduling of this service which is provided by local residents.

Last fiscal year proved to be successful as always when it came to special events and holidays. Our *Annual COA Senior Picnic*, held at Howe-Manning Park in July of 1999 was well attended. The cookout was held in conjunction with the recreation program, during which the children attending the summer parks program provided both decorations and assistance. The Town Administrator, Middleton Kiwanis, and other "official" cooks grilled hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. Everyone enjoyed a delicious ice cream dessert donated by Richardson's Dairy. Our *Halloween Party* is always a fun time. We enjoy seeing all the creative costumes as we eat lunch in our own "haunted house" decorated by Patti Flynn, our Meal Site Director. The annual *Thanksgiving* dinner was a great success with the staff serving the meal at the center, in order to give volunteers the "day off" to enjoy the occasion. The *Christmas* lunch and celebration was highlighted with holiday music, a visit from Santa, and a gift swap. The *January Thaw* was held at Angelica's Restaurant with over 120 Middleton Seniors attending and enjoying a festive afternoon of socializing and dancing.

It is important to note the dedication and hard work of the **volunteers** who spent over **4,500 hours** in service with a variety of things such as meals, maintenance, instruction, transportation, newsletters, trips, activities, and so much more. The dollar value of these services amounted to an approximate **saving to the Town of \$35,000!** These hours of service are deeply appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

Many thanks to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, all the Town Departments, as well as the members of the Council On Aging Board for helping to make this another successful year in providing services to the Middleton Seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey D. Snavely (July 1, 1999 – December 31, 1999)
Director
Susan J. Gannon-Moore (January 1, 2000 – June 30, 2000)
Acting Director

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
QUARTERLY OPERATING STATEMENT**

LHA NAME: MIDDLETON

PERIOD REPORTED: July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

PROGRAM NO.: 1840240001 No. of Units: 66

FISCAL YEAR ENDING: June 30, 2000

Unit Months: 792

Quarters Covered:

1 1-2 1-3 X 1-4 Other
(1) (2) (3) (4)

LINE NO.	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROPOSED ANNUAL AMOUNT	BUDGET PUM	ACTUAL PUM	TO DATE AMOUNT
	OPERATING RECEIPTS				
1	3110 Shelter Rent - Tenant	210,000.00	265.15	300.54	238,028.00
2	3115 Shelter Rent - Federal Section 8				
3	3190 Nondwelling Rentals				
4	3610 Interest on Investments	2,500.00	3.16	3.35	2,656.32
5	3690 Other Operating Receipts	1,900.00	2.40	4.75	3,762.28
6	3000 TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	214,400.00	270.71	308.64	244,446.60
	NON UTILITY EXPENDITURES				
7	4110 Administrative Salaries	30,795.00	38.88	38.28	30,315.48
8	4130 Legal	150.00	0.19	0.00	0.00
9	4140 Members Compensation				
10	4150 Travel & Related Expense	800.00	1.01	0.10	79.35
11	4170 Accounting Services				
12	4190 Administrative Other	3,879.00	4.90	4.29	3,396.14
13	4110 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	35,624.00	44.98	42.67	33,790.97
14	4230 Tenant Organization	50.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
15	4110 Maintenance Labor	37,306.00	47.10	44.08	34,909.96
16	4420 Materials & Supplies	7,700.00	9.72	9.55	7,563.61
17	4430 Contract Costs	7,740.00	9.77	5.95	4,711.42
18	4400 TOTAL MAINTENANCE	52,746.00	66.60	59.58	47,184.99
19	4510 Insurance	4,781.00	6.04	5.49	4,350.64
20	4520 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,665.00	4.63	4.35	3,442.24
21	4540 Employee Benefits	18,695.00	23.60	22.56	17,866.88
22	4500 TOTAL GENERAL	27,141.00	34.27	32.40	25,659.76
23	4790 Provision for Operating Reserve	644.00	0.81	0.81	644.00
24	4799 Provision for Capital Reserve				
25	4700 TOTAL RESERVES	644.00	0.81	0.81	644.00
26	4800 EOCD - Directed Costs				
27	4900 Debt Service (Section 8 ONLY)				
28	TOTAL NON-UTILITY COSTS	116,205.00	146.72	135.45	107,279.72
	UTILITIES				
29	4310 Water & Sewer	11,300.00	14.27	11.18	8,851.78
30	4320 Electricity	48,250.00	60.92	56.12	44,450.01
31	4330 Gas	100.00	0.13	0.05	39.66
32	4340 Fuel				
33	4360 Energy Conservation				
34	4390 Other - Septic/Sewerage	6,400.00	8.08	7.09	5,612.79
35	4300 TOTAL UTILITIES	66,050.00	83.40	74.44	58,954.24
36	4000 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	182,255.00	230.12	209.89	166,233.96
37	NET INCOME (DEFICIT) BEFORE SUBSIDY	32,145.00	40.59	98.75	78,212.64
38	7300 Operating Subsidy Earned - Line 11 051-5			0.00	0.00
39	NET INCOME (DEFICIT) BEFORE NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES	32,145.00	40.59	98.75	78,212.64
	NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES AND (CREDITS)				
40	6210 Prior year & Other Adj. Debit (Credit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41	6510 Extraordinary Maintenance	127,000.00	160.35	123.40	97,735.51
42	6580 Collection Loss		0.00	0.00	
43	7520 Replacement of Equipment	23,680.00	29.90	7.38	5,846.13
44	7530 Receipts from Sale of Equipment (Credit)				
45	7540 Betterments & Additions	7,500.00	9.47	1.26	1,000.00
46	TOTAL NONROUTINE (SCHEDULE V)	158,180.00	199.72	132.05	104,581.64
47	2700 NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	(126,035.00)	(159.14)	(33.29)	(26,369.00)

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION BALANCE SHEET

MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY
June 30, 2000 Period Ended
1840240001 Program Number

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ASSETS		
	CASH		
1112	Administration Fund	78,667.19	
1114	Security Deposit Fund	(320.00)	
1117	Petty Cash	77.75	78,424.94
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
1121	Federal and EOCD-Section 8 Subsidy-Shelter Rent		
1122	Tenants Accounts Receivable	1,084.00	
1125	EOCD Subsidy		
1129	Other	0.00	1,084.00
	ADVANCES		
1155	Revolving Fund Advances		0.00
	INVESTMENTS		
1162	Investments (Schedule II)	135,212.88	135,212.88
	FISCAL AGENT FUNDS		
1171	Debt Service Fund (Schedule I)		
1172	Debt Service Trust Fund-Cash (Schedule I)		
1173	Debt Service Trust Fund-Investments (Schedule I)		
1176	Debt Service Subsidy (Schedule VI)		
	DEFERRED CHARGES		
1211	Prepaid Insurance	1,632.00	
1212	Inventory-Materials/Fuel		
1290	Other (Schedule III)	0.00	1,632.00
	DEVELOPMENT COST		
1400.2	Development Cost	2,150,512.35	
1400.3	Less: Dev. Cost Liquidation	(101,000.00)	2,049,512.35
1400.4	Inventory of Furniture & Equipment	94,443.12	
1400.5	Dev. Cost Inventory of Furniture & Equipment-Contra (Date of Last Physical Inventory 6/30/98)	(22,379.95)	72,063.17
1400.6	Completed Modernization Cost 667	363,436.88	
1400.7	Completed Modernization Cost 1002	205,637.96	
1400.8	Completed Modernization Cost 1003	127,949.71	
	Completed Modernization Cost	0.00	
1690	Undistributed Debits		697,024.55
	TOTAL ASSETS		3,034,953.89
	LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
2111	Accounts Payable-Other (Schedule IV)	0.00	
2112	Contract Retentions		
2114	Tenants Security Deposits		
2117	Employee's Payroll Deductions	328.12	
2118	Accounts Payable-EOCD Subsidy Overpayment	0.00	
2119	Accounts Payable-Revolving Fund		328.12
	ACCRUED LIABILITIES		
2137	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
2139	Accrued Liabilities-Other	0.00	
2140	Matured Interest and Principal (Schedule VI)		0.00
	DEFERRED CREDITS		
2210	Prepaid Partial Payments-707		
2240	Tenants Prepaid Rents	3,818.00	
2290	Undistributed Credits	19,133.69	
2291	Deferred Subsidy		
2292	Deferred Credits-Other		22,951.69
	FIXED LIABILITIES		
2320	Grants Issued	1,936,512.35	
2321	Bonds Issued	101,000.00	
2323	Less: Bonds Retired	(101,000.00)	
2324	Cumulative EOCD Modernization Contribution	697,024.55	
2325	Notes Issued		
2326	Less: Notes Retired		2,633,536.90
	SURPLUS		
2400	Valuation of Fixed Assets	72,063.17	
2460	Gifts and Donations	113,000.00	
2550	Debt Service Reserve		
2551	Unamortized Bond Premium		
2552	Debt Service Requirement		
2553	Debt Service Contribution		
2560	Capital Reserve	6,603.06	
2590	Operating Reserve	212,839.95	
2700	Net Income (Deficit)	(26,369.00)	378,137.18
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		3,034,953.89
			051-2 (10-86)

Program Number: 1840240001

PROJECT	ACCOUNT 1171 DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	ACCOUNT 1172 DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND-CASH	ACCOUNT 1173 DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND-INVESTMENTS
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00

BANK	TYPE	DUE DATE	AMOUNT INVESTED	MATURITY VALUE
MMDT	Money Market	None	19,133.69	None
Family Bank	Savings	None	54,995.29	4.7% Rate
Family Bank	Cap Res 18 mo CD	5/2/2001	6,603.06	6.08% Rate
	6 month Stmt CD	8/4/2001	54,480.84	5.5% Rate
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET			135,212.88	

TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00

Misc.
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET
0.00

PRIOR YEAR & OTHER ADJUSTMENTS DEBIT (CREDIT)-ACCT. 6210	AMOUNT
TOTAL - Account 6210	0.00
EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE-ACCT. 6510	AMOUNT
Septic Repairs 1185, 667 Carpeting * Renovations 818.48	2,003.48
MOD Exterior Painting	93,737.48
Paving 700 705 Renovations 1294.55	1,994.55
TOTAL - Account 6510	97,735.51
REPLACEMENT OF NONEXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT-ACCT. 7540	AMOUNT
Refrigerator (2)	770.00
Water heater	767.13
Refrigerators & Disposals (9)	4,050.00
Hedge Trimmer	259.00
TOTAL - Account 7520	5,846.13
PROPERTY BETTERMENTS AND ADDITIONS-ACCT. 7540	AMOUNT
Speed Bumps (2)	1,000.00
TOTAL - Account 7450	1,000.00

*TOTAL AMOUNTS SHOULD AGREE WITH PAGE 051-1 (ATTACH SCHEDULE IF NEEDED)

PROJECT	MATURED INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT 2140	A/R DEBT SERVICE SUBSIDY ACCOUNT 1176	DEBT SERVICE CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT 2553
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REPORT OF TENANTS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

QUARTER ENDED June 30, 2000

Program/Development Nu	<u>1840240001</u>	No. of Dwelling Units	<u>66.00</u>
A. No. of Tenants in Possession (Last Day of Current Quarter)			<u>66.00</u>
B. Total Charges to Tenants (Last Month of Current Quarter)		\$	<u>20,655.00</u>

MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY
ACHIEVEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 7/1/99 - 6/30/00

Adopted New Lease

The authority adopted new lease provisions effective on 7/1/99 for all of its state-aided housing programs.

Expansion of Orchard Circle Community Garden

The Community Garden at Orchard Circle was further enhanced was accomplished with the exceptional efforts of tenant Robert Keith.

Orchard Circle Exterior Painting

The Board authorized an \$87,000.00 contract for lead paint abatement and exterior painting at Orchard Circle. This work was successfully completed.

Vacancies

The MHA managed to reach all occupancy goals for FY 00.

Financial

All of the FY 00 Budget Projections were met and therefore, the MHA will realize more than the minimum surplus anticipated.

Summary

In conclusion, the Middleton Housing Authority would like to acknowledge the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Town Administrator for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Anderson Stone, Chairperson
James Hannon, Vice-Chairperson
Charles Collier, Treasurer
Mary Jane Morrin, Assistant Treasurer
Linda Levesque, Member

Kathleen Thurston, Executive Director
Marie DiPietro, Administrative Assistant
Paul Pellicelli, Maintenance Mechanic

TRI-TOWN COUNCIL ON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHO WE ARE

The Tri-Town Council is a community service organization that helps young people and their families live healthier and safer lives. Unlike larger counseling centers, the Tri-Town Council works exclusively with the needs of Tri-Town residents.

Tri-town residents founded this non-profit grassroots organization in 1972 to address concerns about drug and alcohol abuse by area youth. Since then, residents from Middleton, Boxford and Topsfield have steadfastly supported the Council's programs and services.

Tri-Town residents know that in an increasingly complex and fast paced world, pressures build in all of us - children, adults, and families. Domestic violence, alcohol and other drug use, anxiety disorders, depression, or suicide can result from such pressures.

The Tri-Town Council's primary mission is to prevent these unsafe, unhealthy, and sometimes tragic occurrences from ever happening and to counsel those who inevitably must face them.

Our goal is to both anticipate and be responsive to community needs. Agency by-laws ensure close contact with tri-town residents' concerns by mandating that our Board of Directors includes at least four volunteer representatives from each of the three towns. Middleton is very well represented with twelve volunteers on the Board: John Sieczkowski, Alice Tierney, Connie Coste, Ron Coste, Diane Haas, Robyn Stedman, Liz Cameron, Bob McKenzie, John Olmsted, and Rodney Pendleton along with two Masconomet student representatives, Danny Archung and Jeff Pepe.

WHAT WE DO

The Town of Middleton benefited from the following Tri-Town Council activities and programs over the past fiscal year:

- **Adjustment Counseling and Crisis Intervention** services, which were provided by three full-time professional counselors at Masconomet Regional School. Every child from Middleton in grades seven through twelve received some form of direct service from these counselors either in one-on-one meetings, in groups, in the classroom, in an assembly, or through distributed materials.

Tri-Town Counselors also work as needed with the families of the students they see. In addition, counselors attend case conferences, individual education plan meetings, emergency management meetings, health advisory committee meetings, Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention meetings, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) meetings, and student orientation meetings.

- **Project Safety Net**, which provided five types of services to Middleton residents:
 - 1) 24 hour, seven days a week telephone access to a counselor (978-771-4619)
 - 2) Parent information meetings
 - 3) Counseling during school vacations
 - 4) Sexual abuse survivor counseling
 - 5) School consultation and training

Middleton residents are the most frequent users of Project Safety Net services, particularly after the large sexual abuse case this year. Middleton residents made over 100 telephone calls, received 30 hours of group support and 60 hours of individual counseling.

- **Employee Assistance Program:** Town of Middleton Employees used 14 hours of services through January 2001.
- The **CARE** committee is comprised of local residents who raise money for Sponsor-a-Family and Santa's Helper programs. These programs contributed over \$10,500 to needy area families and to Emmaus House, The Strongest Link, and other organizations that serve Middleton residents.
- The **D.A.S.H.** (Disability Awareness Starts Here) program was welcomed under the Tri-Town Council umbrella of programs this year. D.A.S.H. is an important educational program, which uses 250 community volunteers a year to experientially teach second through fifth graders at the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools (as well as in Topsfield and Boxford schools) about physical and emotional disabilities. Ilene Twiss is Middleton's program director.
- An **Afterschool Activity Program** at Masconomet (basketball, volleyball, tutoring, arts and crafts, and activities are being developed).
- **Tri-Town Teen Center**, located at the Trinity Church in Topsfield, serves teens from all three towns.
- The substance-free all night **Graduation Party**, started twenty-nine years ago as one of the first of its kind in the country, was attended by 185 graduates. A third of its attendees live in Middleton.
- The substance-free all-night **Post-Prom Party**, which was started six years ago in an effort to keep students safe on a very dangerous night, was attended by 125 students, many of whom live in Middleton.
- Maintain a **Website**, www.tritowncouncil.org, for the benefit of Middleton residents and others, with information, links, on-line counseling, and a local resource list.
- A quarterly newsletter, **The Reality Check**, is distributed to our membership in Middleton. The newsletter contains information on topics of interest such as Domestic Violence, Dangerous Drugs, Drinking and Driving, and updates on Council activities.
- **Membership** in the Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton Rotary Club, which has aided Middleton residents with scholarships, small grants, and smoke detectors for elderly persons in need and membership in the Middleton Board of Trade.
- Membership on the **ABC Masconomet** Board of Directors.
- **Presentations** to all Masconomet students, in conjunction with the Health curriculum, on topics including dating violence, anger management, substance abuse/drinking and driving, HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), healthy relationships, etc.
- **Inservice Education** to all Masconomet teachers on the effects of trauma on teens.
- Sponsorship of the **S.T.E.P.** (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting), an eight-week course on parenting offered by Joan Wing, LICSW in Boxford, which benefits Middleton residents.
- **Information, Consultation and Referral** services through our administrative office (300+ calls).
- Meeting with groups of students and individuals to discuss **Violence, Intolerance, Substance Abuse, Healthy Relationships**, and other topics of interest to teens.
- **Community Forums** on topics of interest such as school safety and the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Hosting the annual **WORLD AIDS DAY Candlelight Vigil** on December 1st.

- Assisting with the **Fall Foliage Classic Road Race**, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton and the Topsfield Lions Club.
- Contributed periodic **Newspaper Articles** on topics of local concern.
- **Active Participation and Leadership** in Tri-Town working committees: In FY '01 the Council was a member of the Health Advisory Council; The Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers; the Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Council; the Teen Center Advisory Council; the Post Prom and Graduation Party Committees; the Rotary Club of Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton; the Middleton Board of Trade; the Community Collaborative Initiative (a troubleshooting committee organized by District Attorney Kevin M. Burke's office designed to create and strengthen area resource networks); and the Massachusetts Bay United Way. We were also members of the Masconomet Assemblies Committee and the School Safety Task Force.

OUR FUNDING

The Town of Middleton allocated \$19,630 or about \$3 per resident in FY '01 in support of the Tri-Town Council's programs for its youth and families. This funding amounted to 7% of our total budget and was extremely important to the financial health of the Council. Altogether, the towns of Topsfield, Boxford and Middleton accounted for 21% of the Council's budget. Middleton's share was based on 3% percent increase over FY '00. Contracted services with Masconomet Regional School District account for 50% of our budget. All other funds were acquired through fund-raising events, memberships, and private foundation grants.

IN SUMMARY

The Town of Middleton is well served by the Tri-Town Council. Residents receive a very good return for each dollar spent in support of our many services. Even so, the value of our primary service, which we call "Prevention", is difficult to measure. How does one calculate the dollar value of a life saved or of a tragedy that never occurs?

The Tri-Town Council is a frugal organization, which spends its money very carefully.

- Community volunteers staff many of our projects
- Volunteers who serve as a board of directors oversee operations
- Our finances are reviewed by a certified public accountant and are independently audited each year
- Our administrative overhead is kept very low
- Our programs are run as efficiently as possible. By way of example, Project Safety Net, our new and extraordinary 24 hour, seven days a week professional coverage program, is run by the Council for \$16,000 a year as compared to \$50,000 in other organizations.

The staff and Board of Directors of the Tri-Town Council appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely Yours,

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 Executive Director

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 Website: www.tritowncouncil.org

Project Safety Net: (978) 771-4619

VETERANS' SERVICES

My report this year again focuses on the importance of safeguarding the necessary documents relating to military service, marriage, life insurance and V.A. correspondence. Discharge papers, marriage certificates or child custody evidence should be secured from fire, theft or loss. This could be one of the most important legacies a veteran will ever leave his family.

Other documents that should be protected and filed with other family papers are government and commercial life insurance policies, any V.A. correspondence with identifying claim numbers, social security numbers, wills, and where applicable, naturalization papers.

Please remind your families of survivor's benefits as well. These include V.A. pensions, dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death, burial benefits and internment in a national cemetery.

The few hours spent by the veteran organizing and protecting his or her documents, and informing his family can do much to avoid anguish during times of emotional stress.

Due to the part-time nature of my position as Director-Agent, please feel free to call on me in the event of an emergency at any time. For routine situations, please call during the day. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley

